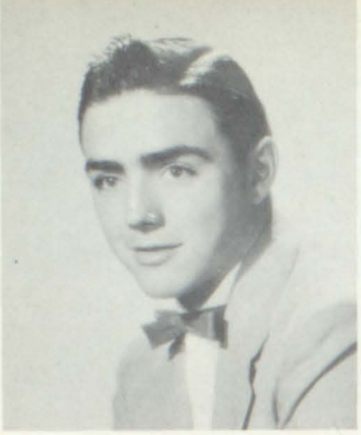


PATTERSON, ARTHUR "Art"

Cars, trucks and scooters
everywhere
Just look for Art, he'll
be there.

PAULHAMOUS, NANCY "Nan"

Basketball; Vice - Chairman Soph. H.R.; Dramatics; Pole Bearer; Christmas Decorations; Soph. Dance Comm.; Exec. Sec., Projection Club; Slingerland; German Club; Inter-Club Council; Jr. Prom; Senior Play.

PAZDUR, BARBARA "Barb"

Her blue eyes do flash
and shine
She thinks of Dick, her
greatest find.

B.S.I. Typist; Moving-Up Day Marshal; Jr. H.R. Vice-Chairman.

PERRY, ARLENE "Ar"

Happy, always full of pep
Arlene's never out of step.

Cheering Section; Library Council.

PERRY, NAOMI "Naomi"

Naomi's guy is dark and tall
We'll miss her loads, come
next fall.

PETRELLI, JO ANN "Jo"

Always talking, on the go
She's the gal that we all
know.

Basketball, 3 yrs.; Volleyball; Softball; Officiating Club; Gym Leaders; Jr. Prom Comm.; Cheering Section; Junior Red Cross.

PETRICCA, JOSEPH "Joe"

Joe is considered one of
the best
He is always very well
dressed.

Band; J. V. Football.

PETRIE, ELEANOR "Pete"

A fancy rug she can cut
She clipped someone's
wings at Farragut.

Christmas Decorations; Moving-Up Day; Soph. Dance Comm.; Jr. Prom; B. S. I. Bulletin; Veritas Vincit; French Club; Senior Play Properties.

PETRONELLA, CONSTANCE "Connie"

Connie's one whom we
all know
In her life, it's far she'll
go.

Volleyball, 2 yrs.; Basketball, 2 yrs.; J. V., Varsity Cheerleader; Gym Leaders; Officiating Club.

PETRONELLA, GERALD "Houdini"

He risks his life in his
Studebaker
He'd better watch out for
the undertaker.

PETRUCCI, RICHARD "Bush"

"Bush" is the name that
Dick goes by
Glance at him, do you
wonder why?

PICCOLA, MAE "Mae"

Just the type we like to
know
Mae has plenty of get-up
and-go.

Square Dance Club; Knit Wits; Amateur Show.

PICKETT, CARL "Gype"

Shoot 'em high, pass 'em low
Little "Gype" is on the go.

Football, 2 yrs.; Wrestling, 3 yrs.

PINTI, ROBERT "Bob"

Bob is really some girl's dish
We all know he swims like
a fish.

Swimming; Trampoline Club.

POMILIO, MARY "Polock"

Never a dull moment when
"Polock's" around
A better friend cannot be
found.

Jr. Prom Comm.; Tennis; Student Teacher; HR Chairman; Election Worker.

POMILIO, SYLVIA "Tippi"

She's a credit to our school
She learned and practiced
the "Golden Rule."

Sec., Archery Club; Gymleaders; Basketball; Volleyball; Officiating Club; Cheering Section; Softball.

POULIOT, NATHAN "Nate"

On the track we see him run
And at the dances, he's lots
of fun.

Projection Club; Track, 3 yrs.

POWELL, KENNETH "Ken"

Kenny will help you
whenever he can
We all know he be-
longs to Mary Ann.

PRITCHARD, SHIRLEY "Shirl"

Dark hair, sparkling eyes
In any work she really tries.

Cheering Section; Library Council; F. H. A.

PUGLIA, JOHN "Johnny"

Crooning's his specialty—
the women he's eyeing
Como did it, John is
trying.

PYCIOR, JANET "Jan"

Janet's known for her marvelous wit
With both guys and gals she is a hit.

QUINTELLA, MARIE "Marie"

Not here long, but made a winning
She captured the heart of handsome Vinny.

FHA; Secca-Types; De-O-Wain-Sta Staff; Gym Leaders; Basketball.

RAGAN, SHEILAH "Rags"

Here's a girl who's nice and tall
Lots of guys hate 'em small.

Moving-Up Day; Cheering Section.

RANDLE, PATRICIA "Pat"

When she gets going you can't hold her down
Her name's familiar all around.

Assembly Usher; Jr. Prom; French Club; Cheering Section; Softball; Moving-Up Day; Glee Club; Senior Play Usher; Christmas Decorations; BSI Press Div.; Reporter; Announcer.

RECCO, JEANETTE "Jeanette"

Pleasant, happy that's Jeanette
Her motto's "be happy and never fret."

Cheering Section; Archery; Basketball.

REDMOND, JEROME "Jerry"

His feet in the valley his head in the sky
He may be high but he's one swell guy.

Projection Club; Soph., Jr. Moving-Up Day Marshal.

REGAN, DONALD "Don"

Donald's witty, always gay
He's never left with nothing to say.

REVETTE, GERALDINE "Boots"

Smiling, happy, always cheerful
She'll go far, don't be fearful.

Basketball, 3 yrs.; Volleyball, 3 yrs.; Softball, 3 yrs.; Cheering Section; Gym Leaders; Square Dance Club.

RICHARDS, WILLIAM "Bill"

Playing on the drums he's really got a beat
This guy can really put on the heat.

Concert Band; Marching Band.

RILEY, JAMES "Ril"

When a touchdown is needed, Jim carries the ball
The girls are impressed for he knows them all.

Football, 3 yrs.; Square Dance Club.

RINGROSE, KATHERINE "Kay"

Quiet observing is our Kathy
She will surely make him happy.

Gym Leaders; Loose Threaders; Cheering Section.

RIOLO, ANGELINE "Ang"

Serious she seems but we're not sure
And oh, the boys that she can lure.

RIZZUTO, CATHERINE "Kay"

A ring on her finger, stars in her eyes
Over Tony she usually sighs.

ROBINSON, MARTHA "Maude"

Christmas Decorations; Soph. Dance Comm.; Moving-Up Day; Election Worker; Ring Comm.; Jr. Prom; Veritas Vincit; BSI Bulletin; Senior Play Properties; De-O-Wain-Sta Senior Editor; Assembly Usher; Commencement Usher; Cheering Section; French Club.

ROGNONI, LOIS "Lois"

Lois came from S.A.A.
We hope they will send more our way.

ROSS, DOLORES "Dolores"

Dark hair and a pretty smile
Making friends all the while.

RUANE, JOHN "John"

John is quite a racing star
While driving in his hopped-up car.

RUBY, JOHANNA "Hanna"

Sec. Fresh. and Soph. Class; Moving-Up Day; BSI; Christmas Decorations; Dance Committees; Jr. Prom; Ring Comm.; Baccalaureate, Commencement Usher; Sec., Veritas Vincit; French Club; Assembly Usher; Election Comm.; De-O-Wain-Sta Business and Editorial Staff; Treas., Sr. Class; Senior Play Ticket Chairman; Senior Ball, Cheering Section.

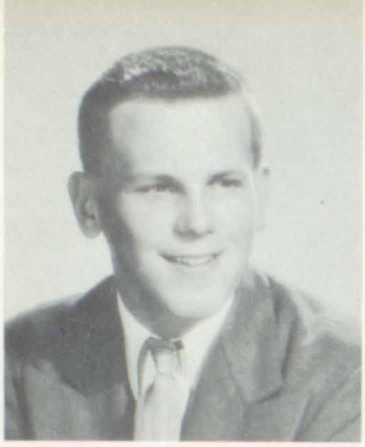
RUDES, BARBARA "Babs"

With her smile and her good looks
This gal need never slaves over books.

RUTKOWSKI, MARLENE "Marlene"

This girl has what it takes and more
With all her friends she made a score.

Cheering Section; Volleyball; B.S.I. Typist; Library Council; F.H.A.



RUTKOWSKI, PETER
"Pete"
Quiet and shy is our guy
Pete
But he's very friendly
and always neat.

SANTORO, FRANCES
"Fran"
We always see her keeping
mum
But we've never seen her
when she's glum.

SCHIRO, MARIE "Mer"
Marie's one and only guy
is Pete
They're a combination that
can't be beat.

SCHMIDT, VIRGINIA
"Doodie"
Silence is golden, or so
they say
We think it is so for
"Doodie's" that way.

Basketball; Tennis, 2 yrs.; Softball; Library Council; Cheering Section; De-O-Wain-Sta Business Staff; Red Cross Council; Student Teacher; Assembly Usher.

SCHUG, DONNA "Donna"
As Dora in the Senior Play
Donna made it a memorable
day.

Red Cross Council; B.S.I. Bulletin; Student Teachers; Library Council; De-O-Wain-Sta Business Staff; Senior Play; Cheering Section; Tennis; Registration Worker.

SCHULLER, Mary "Mary"
She'll always lend you a
helping hand
To watch her laugh is
simply grand.

SCOTHON, KARALYN
"K-K"
Nice to be with, very gay
And getting prettier day by
day.

Assembly Ushers; Glee Club; Veritas Vincit; Inter-Club Representative; Humor Editor, De-O-Wain-Sta; Marshal; Jr. Prom Comm.; Basketball; Cheering Section; Senior Play Comm.; Soph. Decoration Comm., French Club; Archery; Softball.

SCRITCHFIELD, JANET
"Jan"

Senior Play Cast; Veritas Vincit; Assembly Ushers; French Club; Soph. Dance Comm.; Christmas Decorations; Jr. Prom; Pole Bearer; Ring Comm.; Baccalaureate Usher; De-O-Wain-Sta Art Staff; Red Cross Service Club; HR Chairman; Cheering Section; Election Worker.

SEIGLER, WILLIAM
"Bill"
Great big smile from ear
to ear
That's our Bill, never
fear.

SERVICE, BEATRICE
"Bea"
There is no nicer blonde
around
She deals out friendship
by the pound.

Library Club.

SHAFFER, NANCY "Nan"

Treas., Glee Club; Veritas Vincit; French Club; Assembly Usher; De-O-Wain-Sta Business, Editorial Staff; BSI; Senior Play Ticket Co-Chairman; Publicity Staff; Majorette; Junior Prom Committees; Commencement, Baccalaureate Usher; Pole Bearer; Election Worker; Ring Comm.; Academaires; Dance Comm.; Christmas Decorations; Senior Ball.

SHAW, ROSIA MAE "Rose"

Hasn't she a pretty name?
We hope it leads her to fame.

SHERMAN, ANNA "Ann"

Always happy, sweet and gay
We hope Ann will stay that way.

SHERRELL, CECIL "Cec"

A basketball player of great fame
This boy is seen in every game.

J. V. Basketball; J. V. Baseball; Varsity Basketball, 2 years; Hi-Y.

SHERWOOD, DALE "Dale"

At square dances he is hep
Here's a guy with lots of pep.

Intramural Basketball; Intramural Soccer; Varsity Football, 3 yrs.; Square Dancing Club; Track, 3 yrs.

SHERWOOD, DONALD "Don"

Sheila and Don, always together
Seen everywhere in any weather.

Var. Football, 4 yrs., Intramural Basketball; Band; Track, 2 yrs.; Square Dancing Club.

SIMIELE, ARLENE "Ar"

Personality and Pat that's what she's got
Friendly too, she's always on top.

Chairman, HR 2 yrs.; Vice-Chairman, HR; Library Club.

SLOCUM, MARILYN "Marilyn"

Marilyn wants to be a nurse and then
For the finishing touch her choice of men.

Glee Club; Student Council; Red Cross Council; Christmas Decorations; Jr. Prom Decorations; Soph. HR Chairman; De-O-Wain-Sta Business Staff.

SMALDON, BERNICE "Bernice"

Look at her on roller skates
Can she roll those figure eights!

FHA; Basketball, 3 yrs.; Volleyball, 3 yrs.; Softball; Gym Leaders; Tennis; Square Dance Club.

SMITH, RONALD "Pete"

A real swell fellow is our Ron
He'll never turn out to be a con.

De-O-Wain-Sta Staff.

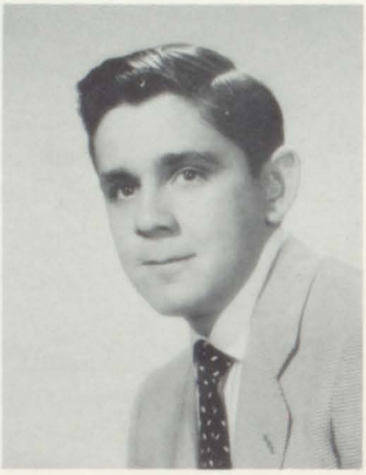
SNOW, HENRY J. "Hank"
A friendly smile and a bright hello
Gee, it's too bad Hank has to go.

SNYDER, GERALD "Gerry"
Always smiling, always gay
We often see him with Dora Mae.

SOBOLESKI, LORETTA "Loretta"
Loretta has a greeting for all
She's really nice and on the ball.
Gym Leaders; Square Dance; Cheering Section.

SOUTHERN, TOM "Tom"
Tom is quiet, never bold
But his smile is a thing to behold.
Square Dance Club; Track.

SPADO, ANGELA "Angie"
A girl with dark and flashing eyes
Could easily capture all the guys.
BSI Typist; Bulletin Division; Press Division; Library Council; Square Dance Club; Jr. Prom Decorating Comm.; Chairman, Square Dance; Publicity Comm.; Senior Play Ticket Comm.



SPADO, JOE "Joe"
In sports he can't be beat
Joe is a guy who is every girl's treat.
JV Football; JV Baseball; Intramural Basketball.

SPINELLI, GINO "Moose"
Consider yourself lucky if this fellow's your friend.
'Cause he's the kind who'd be loyal to the end.
JV Baseball, 2 yrs.; JV Football.

SPOHN, MICHAEL "Mike"
Mike is shy and never talking
You would never see him walking.
Chairman HR; De-O-Wain-Sta Business Staff; JV Football.

SQUILLACE, FRANK "Frank"
In soccer Frank is really great
And as a pal he'll really rate.
Intramural Basketball; Intramural Soccer.

STANIZZI, ROSE "Ro-Ro"
Her long, dark hair is just supreme
Her smile has a clear, bright gleam.

STANNARD, CAROL
"Red"
Carol! This name rings loud and clear
She answers "Hi" for all to hear.
Secca-Types; FHA; Archery Club.

STAPLE, MARLENE
"Trooper"
An active lass in FHA
Pretty steady with Oran K.
Pres., FHA; Treas., FHA.

STEPHEN, DAVID
"Dave"
Dave is handsome, Dave is shy
Dave sure is quite a guy.

STEVENS, JEANETTE
"Jan"
"Tootie" is our smallest girl
But she can keep us in a whirl.

STOOKS, EDNA "Eddie"
A friend to all, this gal's a hit
She knows what she wants and that's what she'll get.
HR Chairman; VP Archery Club; Basketball, 3 yrs.; Volleyball, 2 yrs.; Cheering Section; Archery, 4 yrs.; Track.

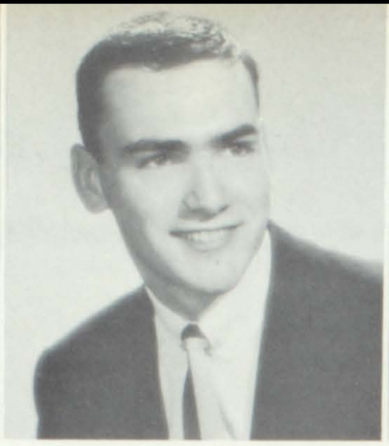
STOVALL, JOYCE "Joy"
One of the nicest in our class
We'll all miss this perky lass.
Var. Club; French Club; Basketball, Capt.; Volleyball, Capt.; Track; Softball.

STUMPO, RITA "Rita"
Vice-Chairman, Soph. HR; Chairman, Jr. HR; Basketball; Jr. Prom Comm.; BSI Bulletin Staff; BSI Press Staff; Glee Club; French Club; Baccalaureate Usher; Commencement Usher; Slingerland Usher; Sec., National Honor Society; Assembly Usher; Christmas Dec.; Moving-Up Day Marshal.

SUMMA, LEONAD
"Lenny"
In class he's always counting sheep,
Because he's always fast asleep.
Marching Band, 3 yrs.

SWERDEN, CATHERINE
"Catherine"
Cathie and archery make quite a team
She never seems to lose her steam.

SYKES, GEORGEANNA
She wears a ring on her finger
For help in a jam, just ring her.



SYKES, JANE "Janie"

Letters flying over sea and
land
A picture in her wallet,
pen in hand.

Track; Glee Club; Christmas Decorations.

TANNER, PAUL "Paul"

A quiet guy is our boy Paul
He never pushes in the hall.

TAVERNA, CECELIA "Cece"

Working hard and up to par
By George! this gal is going
far.

Soph. HR Chairman; Christmas Decorations Comm.; Soph. Dance Comm.; Basketball; Volleyball; Moving-Up Day Comm.

TAVERNA, SALLY ANN "Sal"

Glamour and fame isn't
her desire
Walt's the one who sets
her afire.

Sec.-Treas., Square Dancing Club; Christmas Decorating Comm.

TAYLOR, GLORIA "Gloria"

Gloria works hard for
Miss Geyh
She's busy all the live-
long day.

Cheering Section; Softball.

TERZINI, CHRISTINE "Chris"

Chris is a very fine lass
In English, history or any
old class.

Basketball; Volleyball; Soph. Christmas Decorations; Cheering Section; Election Worker.

THOMAS, ANNE "Annie"

Soph. Decorations; Red Cross Council; Glee Club; Gym Leaders; Library Council; Moving-Up Day; Cheering Squad; Archery Team; Mgr., Girls Sports; All State Choir; Assembly Usher; Academaires; German Club; Jr. Prom Comm.; Special Chorus at Potsdam; Veritas Vincit; De-O-Wain-Sta Editorial Staff; Sen. Play Cast.

THOMAS, NORMAN "Norm"

No other athlete can be
found
To beat our Norm who's
all-around.

Var. Football; Hockey.

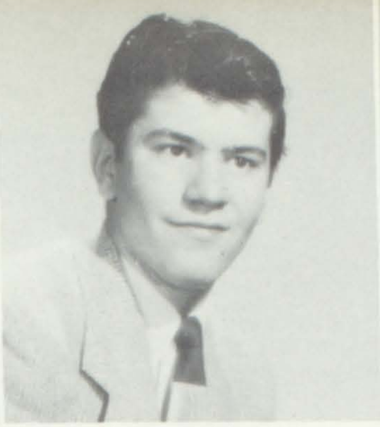
THURBER, MARGARET "Peggy"

Press Editor; Bulletin Staff; BSI Announcer; French Club Program; Director, Veritas Vincit; Treas., Glee Club; Academaires; Davis Essay Award; Commencement Usher; Vice-Chairman, HR; Ring Comm.; Costume Chairman, Sen. Play; Jr. Prom; Student Teachers; Soph. Decorating; Inter Club Council; Cheering Section; Volleyball; Track.

TURNER, NANCY "Nan"

Laughing, talking, smiling
now
Please Nancy, teach us how.

Sec., Library Council; Inter-Club Council Representative; BSI Typist; Red Cross Council; Volleyball; Basketball; Softball; Cheering Section.



TYKSINSKI, RICHARD "Tysi"

When it comes to height he's
not so tall
When it comes to personality
Dick's got it all.

Intramural Basketball; Soph. Pole Bearer; Hockey, 3 yrs.; Hi-Y; Varsity Club; Cross Country; Sports Editor; De-O-Wain-Sta.

VACCA, ROCCO "Rock"

Rock can play piano like
no one can
When you need entertainment he's your man.

Volleyball; Bowling; Chorus.

VACCARO, PATRICIA "Pat"

When we see the band
march on
Here comes Pat twirling
her baton.

Cheering Section; Head Majorette; Bowling.

VACCARO, VICTOR "Head"

"Vic" or "Head" they're
both the same
Another one in on the
football game.

JV Football; Varsity Football; Intramural Basketball.

VAN DEWALKER, SHEILA "She"

Up and down the halls
with glee
Her voice is heard so
joyfully.

FHA; Cheering Section; Junior Prom; Moving-Up Day Marshal, 2 years.

VAN DRESAR, CAROL "Co Co"

Carol means the world
to us
But her heart belongs to
Frank and his bus.

Gym Leaders; Officiating Club; Soph., Jr., Red Cross Rep.; Basketball, 2 years; Volleyball, 2 years; Softball; Cheering Section; Jr. Prom Comm.; Projection Club.

VAN VECHTEN, CLARENCE "Van"

At track he really can't
be beat
And he's always great at
the swimming meet.

Basketball; Swimming Team, 2 years; Track Team, 4 years; Varsity Club; Cross Country Team, 2 years; Volleyball; Bowling.

VECCHIO, GRACE ANN "Gracie"

Sports and fellas are her
game
Someday she'll achieve
great fame.

Secca-Types; Officiating Club; Gym Leaders; Inter-Club Council; Basketball; Business Staff; Editorial Staff; Volleyball; Jr. Prom Comm.; Projection Club; Cheering Section.

VENTURA, BETTY "Betty"

She looks like an angel, acts
like one too
But you never can tell what
an angel will do.

Majorette.

VERRENTI, NICHOLAS "Kemo"

Tall, good looking, a
football player too
Kemo is a dream come
true.

Varsity Football, 2 yrs.; Fresh. Football; Wrestling; Fresh. Baseball; Intramural Basketball.

VISCOMI, RALPH F. "Ralph"

Ralph is considerate, a very neat guy
We'll miss him when we say good-bye.

WASHBURN, GARY "Gar"

Gary plays in the marching band
As a musician he's really grand.

Concert Band; Marching Band.

WATKINS, SHIRLEY "Blondie"

"Blondie' she is called by all
A great talker and not too tall.

Softball; Basketball; Volleybal; Officiating Club; Track, 2 yrs.; Secca-Types.

WEST, ARTHUR "Art"

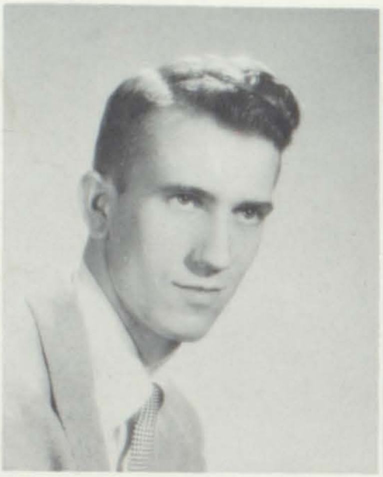
Art's a guy who's not too tall
But in tennis he can really smash that ball.

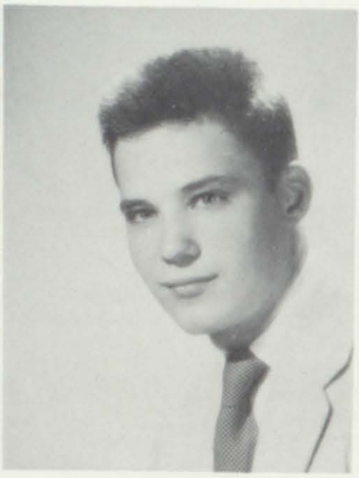
Tennis; Cub Reporter.

WEST, HARRY "Ship"

In the band he beats a drum
Always happy, never glum.

Basketball, 4 yrs.; Track, 2 yrs.; Football, 2 yrs.; Student Council; Director, Senior Play Set; Marching Band; Concert Band; Chorus; Junior Prom Comm.





WHEELER, DE FOREST "De-De"

Little De-De is quite the guy
Happy, smiling and never shy!

WHITCOMB, HARRIETT "Whitty"

Tall, dark, a real cute gal
To everyone she is a pal.

Chair., Soph. HR; Soph. Christmas Decorations; Student Teacher; Chair. Jr. HR; Jr. Prom Comm.; Cheering Section; Gym Leaders; De-O-Wain-Sta Bus. Staff; Moving-Up Day Marshal.

WHITE, JOY "Joye"

She's new to us and seems very quiet
But when among friends she's quite a riot.

Cheering Squad; A Capella Choir.

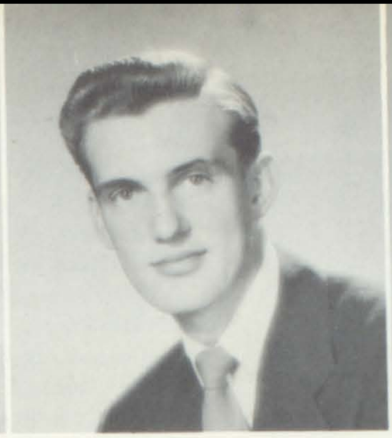
WILLIAMS, JOAN

This cute gal has plenty of zest
When at square-dancing she does her best.

Secca-Types; Square Dancing.

WILLIAMS, JUNE "Willy"

Always in a happy daze
She thinks of her graduation days.



WILLSON, JONATHAN
"Sonny"

Sonny's a guy who loves
all cars
And spends more time
watching stars.

WILSON, BETTY
"Betty"

Always laughing, never
blue
She'll be a friend through
and through.

Basketball; Archery; Cheering Squad.

WIMETT, DONALD
"Lightnin"

When cross-country wins
a meet
You know Don helped
with his swift feet.

JV Basketball; Var. Basketball; Track; Intramural Basketball; Cross Country; Senior Play Stage Comm.; Hi-Y.

WOJDYLA, JOHN "John"

With his corny remarks and
friendly smile
He's been with us quite a
while.

WOJDYLA, PHYLLIS
"Phill"

Blue eyes, fair hair, a
friendly smile
We'll remember her for
quite a while.

JV Cheerleader; Gym Leader; Cheering Section; Basketball; Christmas Decorations Comm.; Jr. Prom Decorations Comm.; Election Comm.; Volleyball; Moving-Up Day.

YAFFEE, BARBARA
"Barb"

Some days she plays her
glockenspiel
On others she drives a
big automobile.

BSI Bulletin Bd. Div.; French Club; Assembly Usher; Jr. Prom Comm.; Ring Comm.; De-O-Wain-Sta Bus. Staff; Commencement Usher; Sr. Play Comm.; Sr. Ball Comm.; Marching Band; Soph. Pole Bearer; Cheering Section; Soph. Dance Comm.; Christmas Dec. Comm.; Vice-Chairman, Soph. HR.

YAGER, LEONARD "Len"

Although he doesn't have
much to say
He's always busy through
the day.

YAKOBISZYN, SONIA
"Soni"

Soni always has friends
galore
That's because she's never
a bore.

De-O-Wain-Sta Staff; Glee Club; Academaires; Red Cross Council; Vice-Chairman HR.; Soph. Decorations; Jr. Prom Comm.; Cheering Section; Basketball; Volleyball.

YANO, JEANETTE
"Jeanette"

B.S.I. Reporter; B.S.I. Typist; De-O-Wain-Sta Business Staff; Gym Leaders; Softball; Volleyball; Basketball; Christmas Decorations Comm.; Junior Prom Comm.; Election Worker; Cheering Section; Moving-Up Day Marshal.

YOUSEY, DOLORES
"Poochie"

Poochie's kind of in a
trance
Is she remembering her
last square dance?

Gym Leaders; Basketball; Volleyball; Softball; Officiating Club; Cheering Section; Square Dancing Club.

ZULLO, MARIE "Marie"

Through the halls this
gal zings
And 'round her neck she
wears two rings.

Chairman Soph. HR; Student Council; Soph. Election Comm.; Soph. Christmas Comm.; Gym Leaders; Red Cross; Inter-Club Council; Moving-Up Day Marshal; Activities Editor; Student Teachers; Senior Play Usher; Cheering Section; Soph. Dance Comm.

NAMES WITHOUT FACES

BRONSON
CARLETTA
FERLO
MUNGARI
VIGGIANO
VISCOSI

SENIORS
1954

And now it's our turn.

Letting off steam

Voice of authority.

PLEBEIANS

JUNIOR OFFICERS

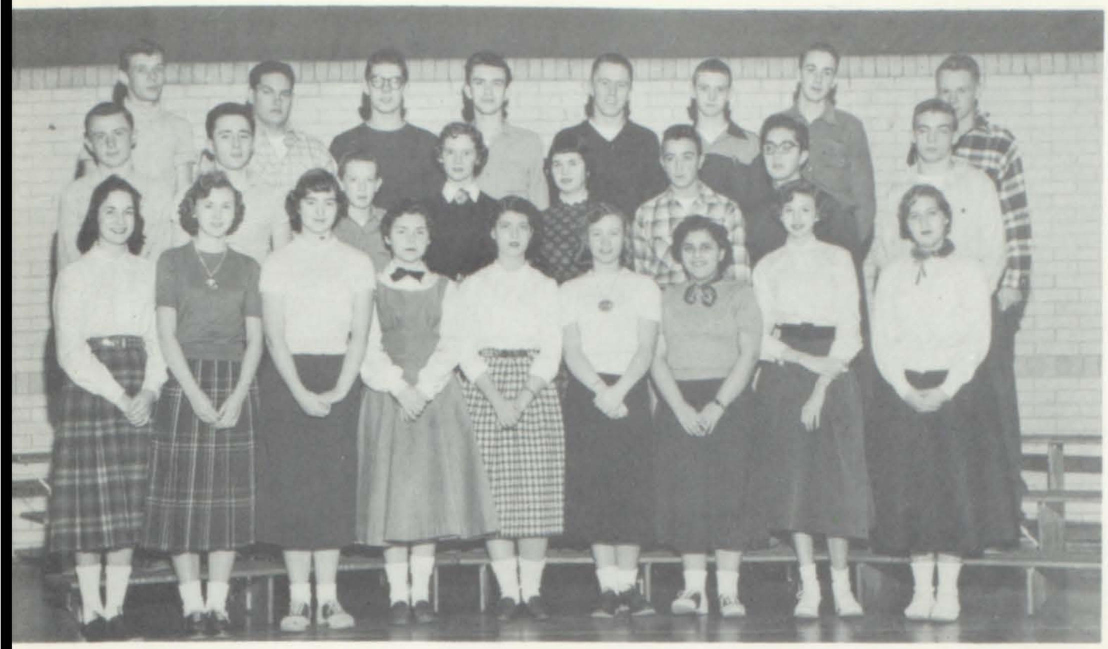
Front Row, left to right: Nazarene Fiore (*Vice-President*), Suzanne Regetz (*Secretary*), Vincent De Carolis (*President*), Marie Viviani (*Treasurer*).

HISTORY

The class of 1956 began its three years at Rome Free Academy by electing Vincent DeCarolis as our president to serve with Vice-President Charles Di Beradino, Secretary Angela George, and Treasurer Marie Colangelo. Our sophomore year was made memorable by our "Winter Wonderland" dance, our festive Christmas decorations, and our spring "Maypole" dance.

In our junior year Vincent DeCarolis again served as president. Nazarene Fiore took office as vice-president, Marie Viviani became class secretary, and Suzanne Regetz handled our finances.

Our first accomplishment as the new junior class of R.F.A. was an autumn dance; this was followed by the Junior Prom, "Winter Fantasy." The selection of our class ring and the Moving-Up-Day exercises brought an outstanding school year to a close. If next year is as successful as our past two years have been, we know that we shall look back on our high school days with fond memories for many years to come.



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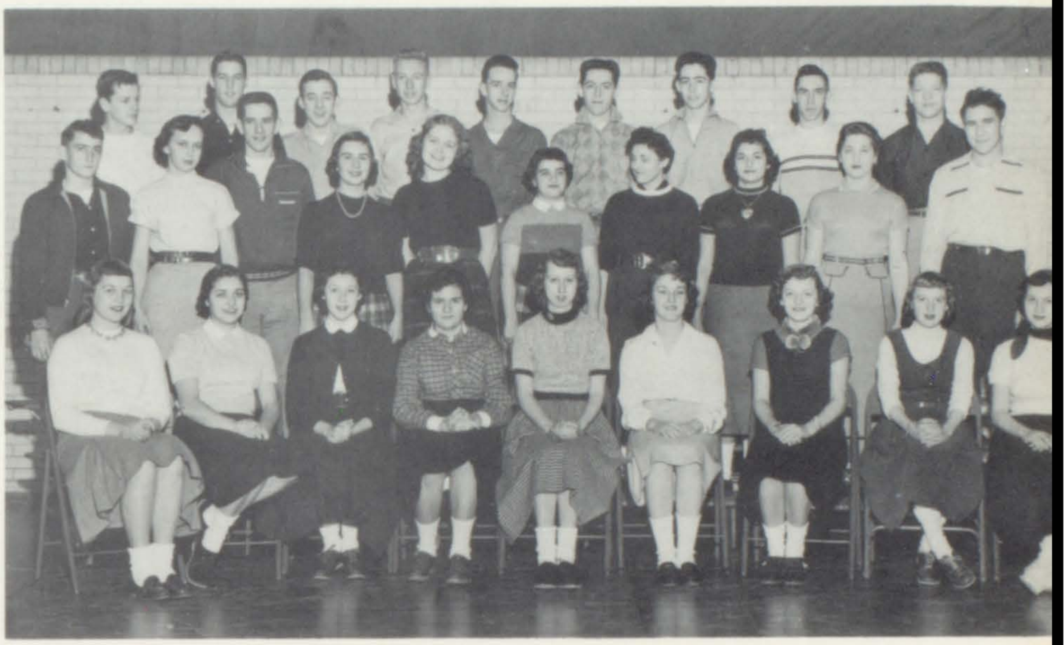
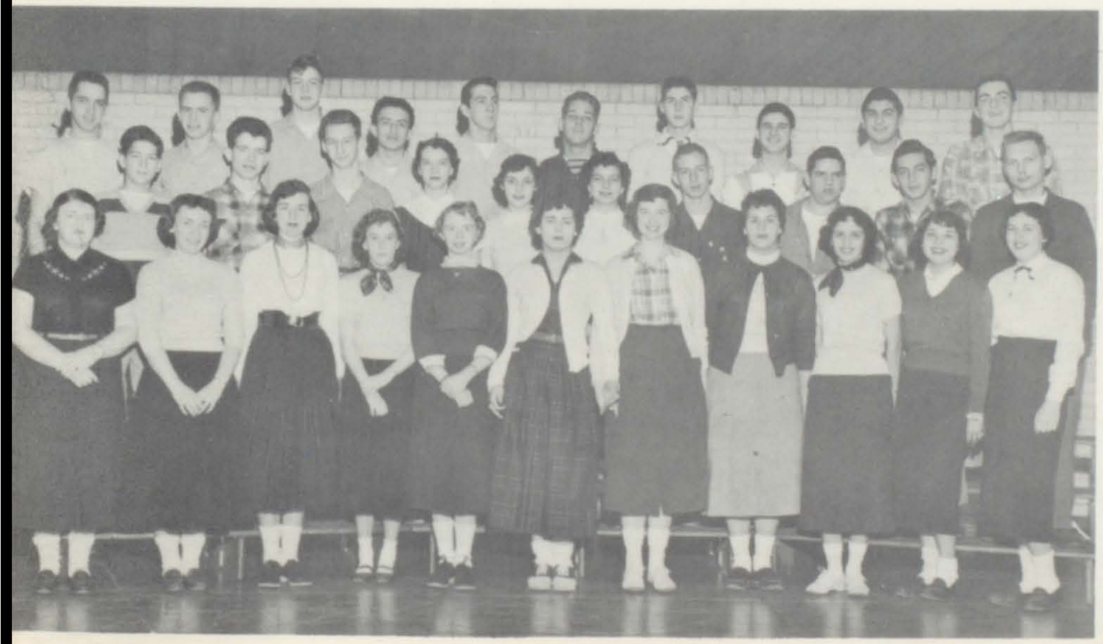
HOMEROOM 6

Front Row, left to right: C. Chase, B. Charlebois, P. Carmody, B. Carmella, B. Bormann, N. Chrzanowski, D. Chomin, A. Casler, V. Cingranelli. *Second Row*: J. Chubbuck, M. Cotter, V. Christman, S. Caswell, R. Harper, V. Bottini, V. Bravo, L. Ciotti, V. Bammarito, W. Campola. *Third Row*: T. Brady, M. Burlison, P. Cerjan, W. Chyrywaty, G. Bartlett, B. Bostwick, B. Boyer, A. Chrysler, P. Boriack.





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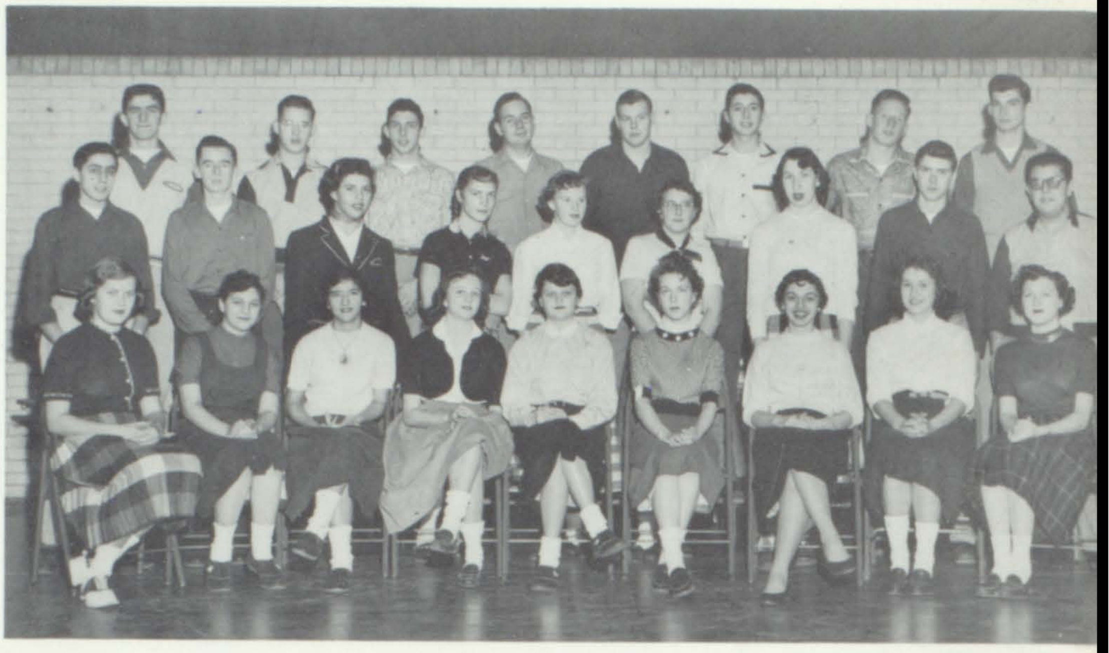
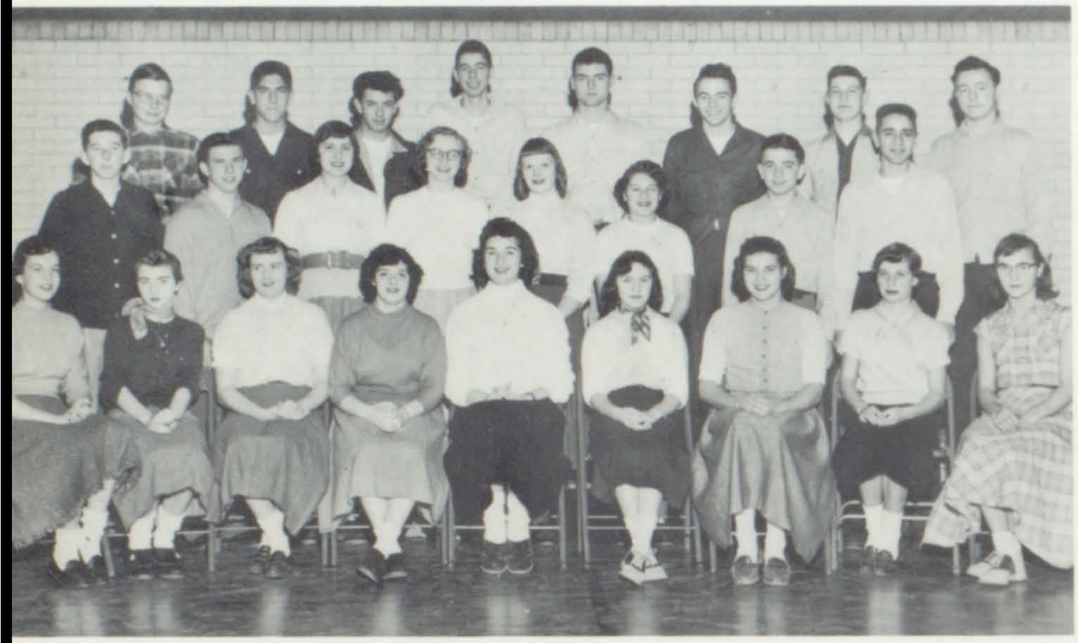
HOMEROOM 9

Front Row, left to right: D. Finaly, T. Feole, J. Felice, C. Farnam, F. Yahnke, E. Flick, K. Fazzi, P. Fazio, B. Fort. *Second Row*: R. Dursi, J. Donovan, D. Fox, Z. Fox, P. Fountain, R. Flint, C. Fanfarillo, T. Ferguson, J. Di Bosco. *Third Row*: D. Ferrare, W. Edkins, D. Falcone, W. Edy, D. Dillabough, A. Fiorenza, T. Feickert.





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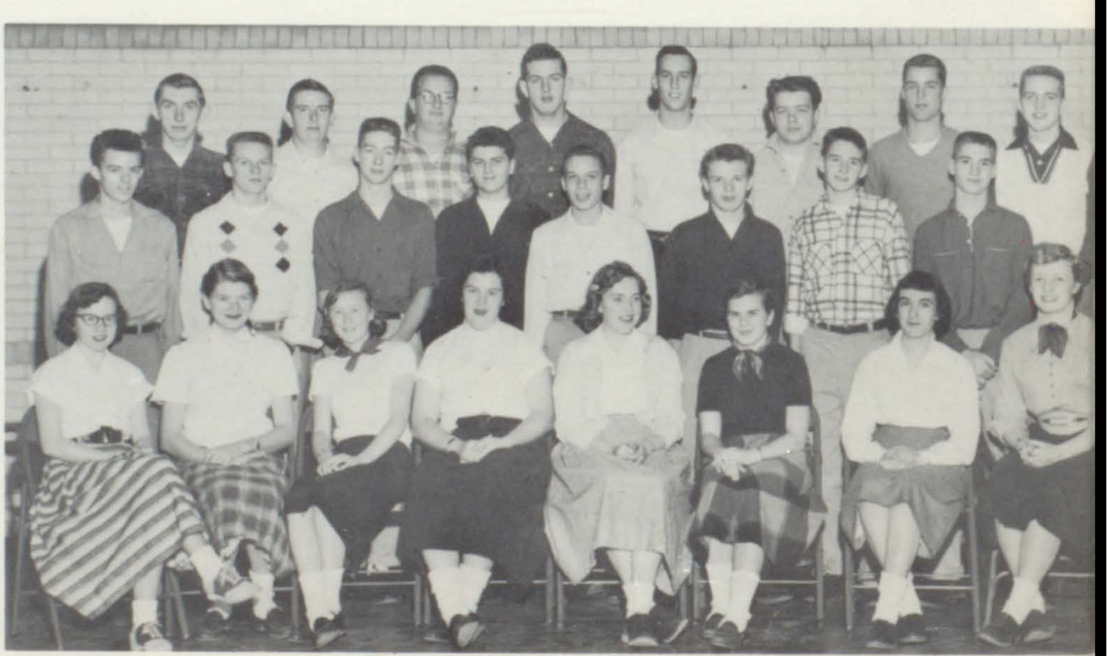
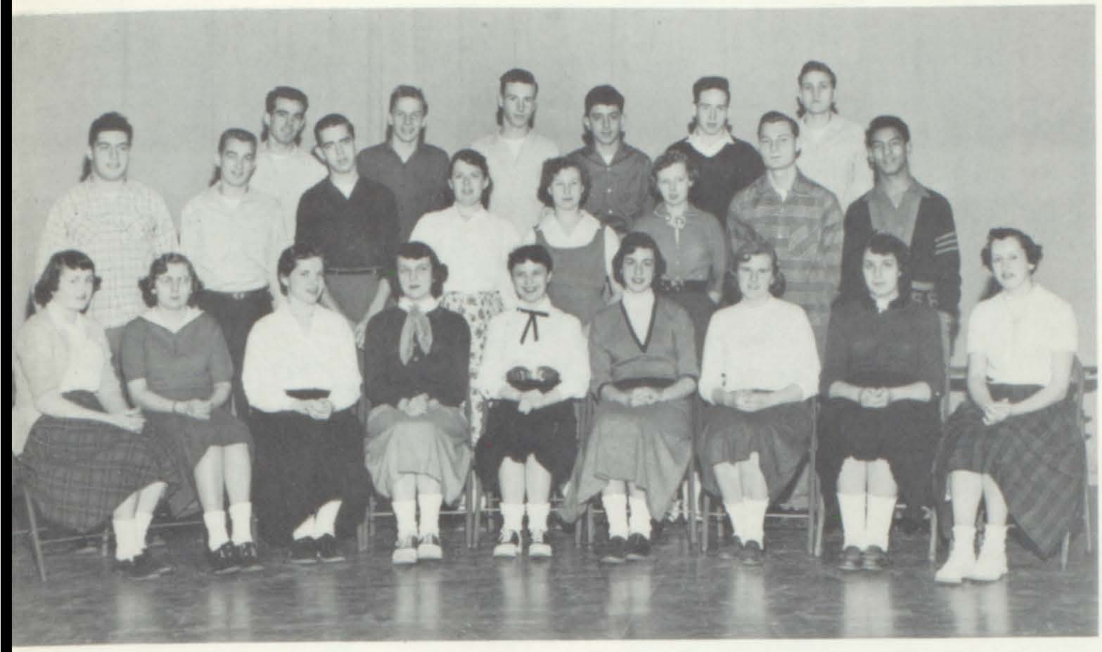
HOMEROOM 33

Front Row, left to right: B. Jahnke, J. Hinds, C. Heller, M. Hamela, C. Hunziker, A. Gyngell, A. Jeffalone, P. Hart. *Second Row*: J. Hluska, B. Koski, W. Johnson, R. Harvey, R. Karpinski, L. Hughes, J. Healy, W. Janowicz. *Third Row*: D. Larkin, R. Hyde, A. Pacicca, B. Holtz R. Kobelia, J. Huber, J. Anderson, E. Hitchings.





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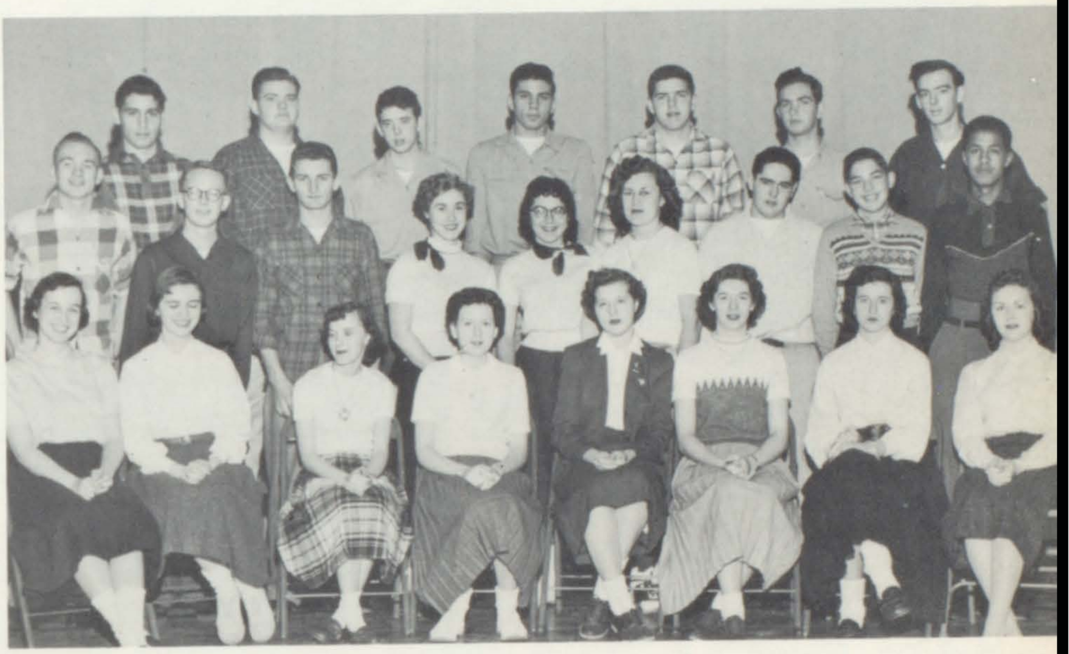
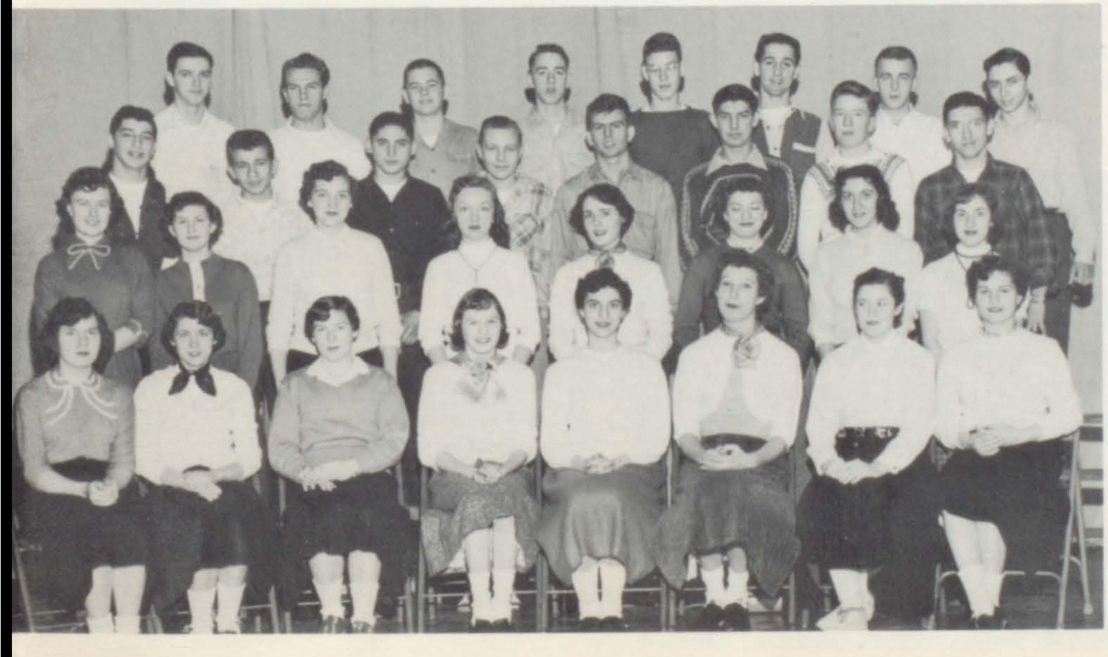
HOMEROOM 35

Front Row, left to right: K. McDonald, M. Marturano, J. Michalina, L. Metzger, A. Migliori, M. Mihm, R. Mercoldie, D. Miller. *Second Row*: K. McCloskey, J. Nobert, E. Orendorff, J. McCormick, D. Malorzo, A. Madsen, P. Montana, R. Miller, J. Mendoza. *Third Row*: J. Muscarella, R. Abbott, H. Messner, C. Mitchell, R. Miner, L. Morse, J. Morgan.





HOMEROOM 36

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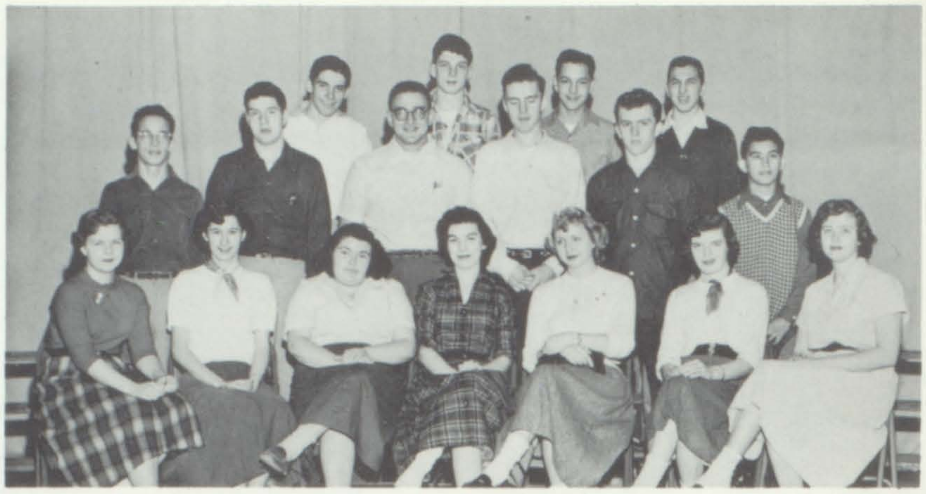
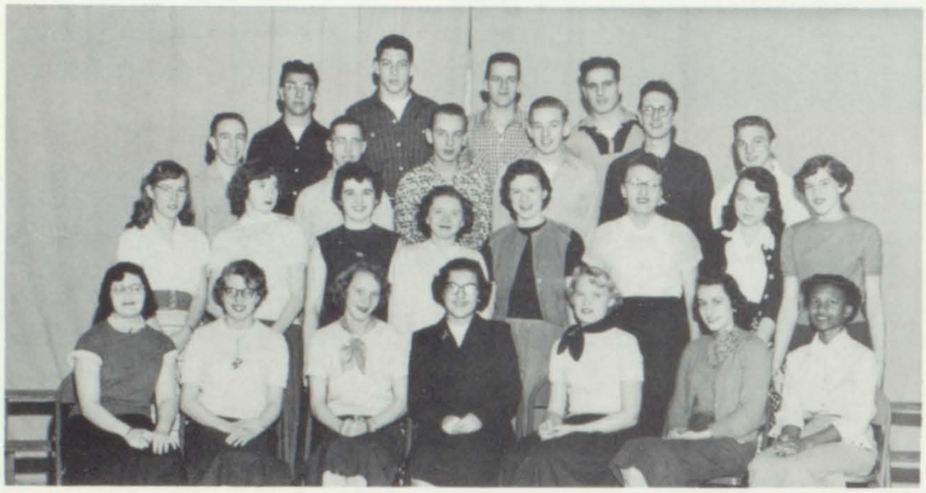
HOMEROOM 38

Front Row, left to right: E. Zarno, J. Kalakuniak, B. Elmore, G. Zawaly, B. Woolley, A. Little, D. Wheeler. *Second Row*: P. Warnke, A. Wells, F. Destito, R. Wakefield, E. Weissmuller, A. Conino. *Third Row*: R. Abbott, D. Wardwell, S. LoRusso, A. Zigrino.





HOMEROOM 39

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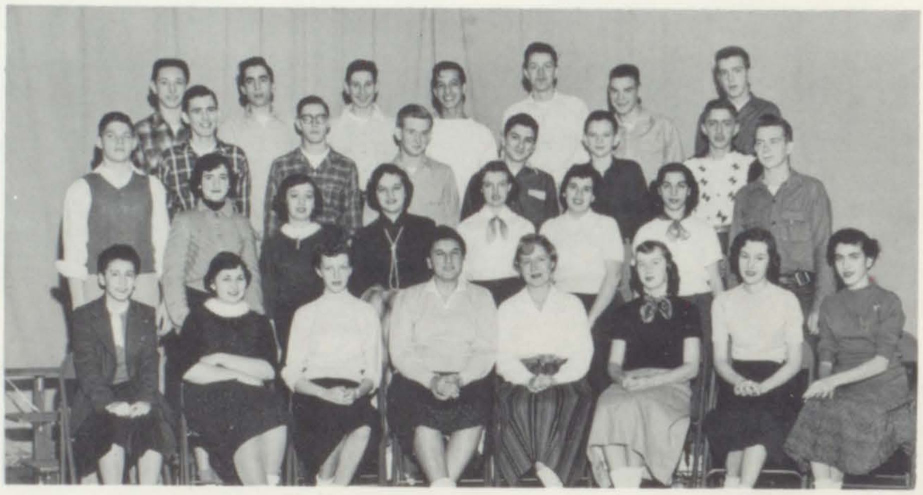
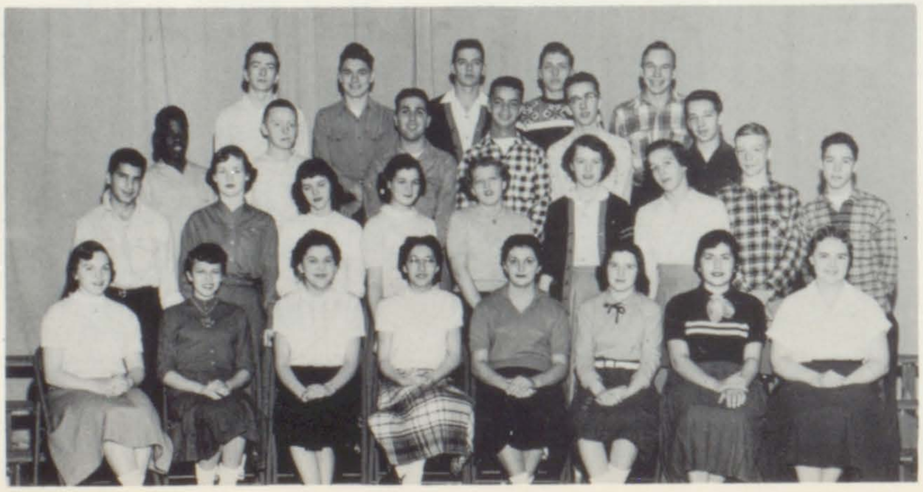
HOMEROOM 41

Front Row, left to right: P. Salob, R. Semo, B. Sawyer, C. Realbuto, M. Reader, S. Regetz, G. Rushlow, T. Rossi. *Second Row*: G. Sager, C. Sgambellone, E. Petinelli, E. Rosati, E. Rasoff, M. Sanzone, J. Salvaggio, J. Salisbury. *Third Row*: J. Ruby, A. Ripley, M. Rossi, V. Sestito, S. Evans, E. Schuler. *Fourth Row*: R. Remick, R. Shulkin, R. Schram, A. Recchio, A. Reid, B. Reh, W. Pritchard.





HOMEROOM 42

Front Row, left to right: A. Sprague, R. Sharpe, E. Suplita, M. Smaldon, J. Stanizzi, J. Smith, M. Stolo, D. Smythe. *Second Row*: B. Soriano, M. Stevens, B. Smith, R. Smith, A. Whitacre, S. Stanton, B. Sherman, C. Sturtevant, C. Smith. *Third Row*: D. Stovall, T. Staple, R. Stagliano, G. Smith, L. Smith, M. Stashefski. *Fourth Row*: E. Stanulevich, J. Smith, G. Spaller, C. Slobodian, E. Sledziona.

SERVUS

SOPHOMORE OFFICERS

Seated: Marcia Atkinson (*Treasurer*), Marlene Malorzo (*Secretary*). *Standing*: Joseph Tosti (*President*), Michael Semo (*Vice-President*).

HISTORY

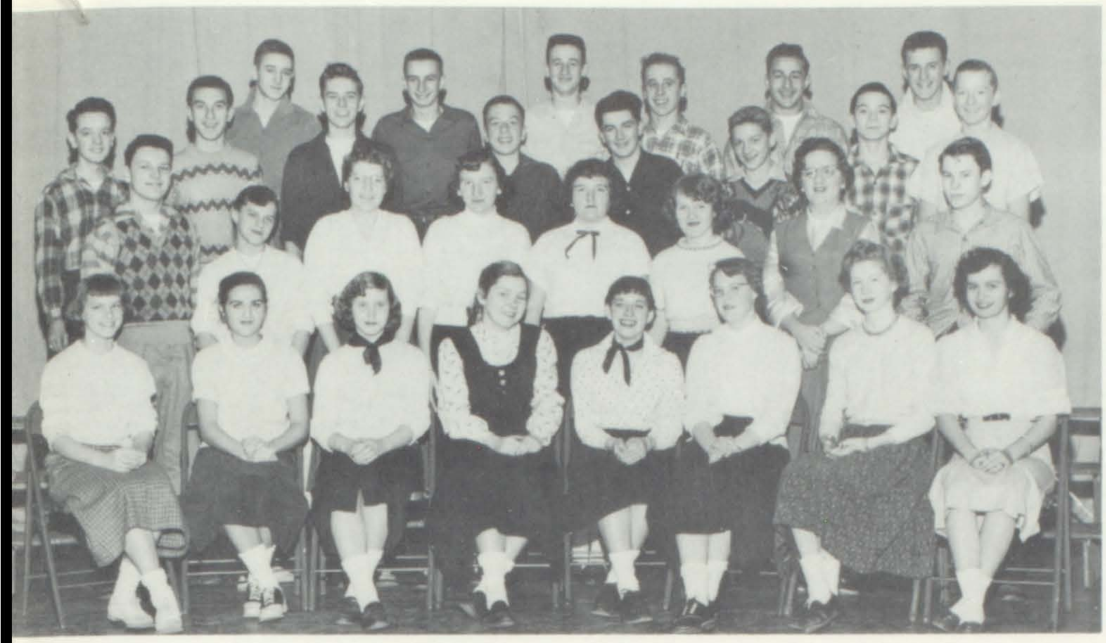
CLASS OF 1957

The election of class officers was the first project of the class of 1957 at R.F.A., and the following were elected:

President — Joseph Tosti
Vice-President — Michael Semo
Secretary — Marlene Malarzo
Treasurer — Marcia Atkinson

We were all filled with enthusiasm as we looked forward to the traditional decorating of the halls at Christmas, an honor bestowed upon the sophomore class. In the early spring we were thrilled with the success of the annual soph dance. We played our part well in the spring Moving-Up Day exercises.

With great enthusiasm we look forward to our remaining two years at R.F.A. with hopes that they will be as rewarding and pleasant as this year has been.



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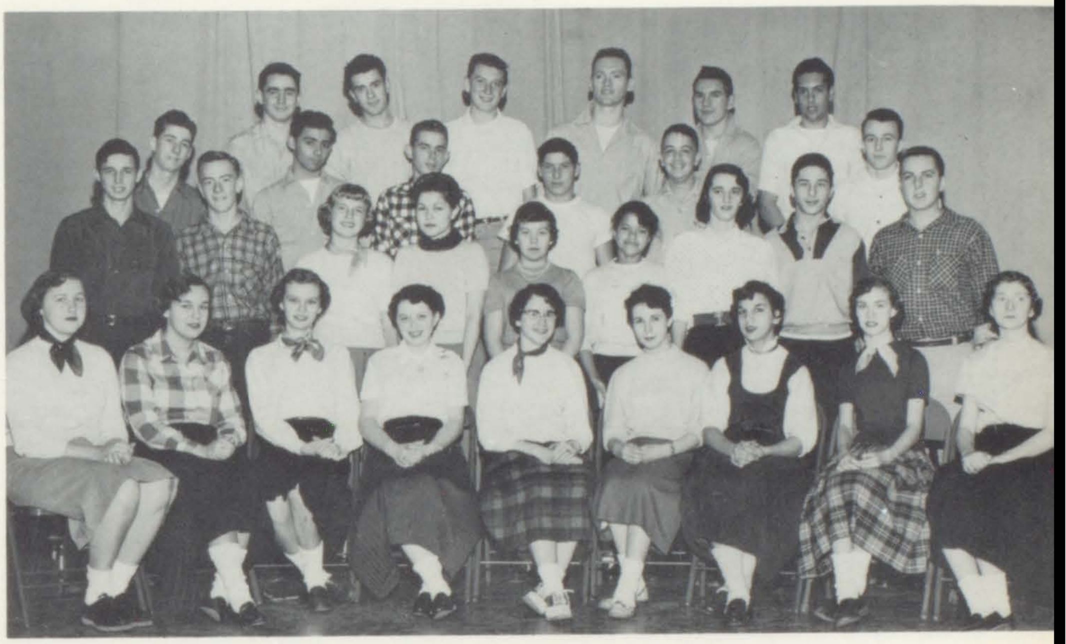
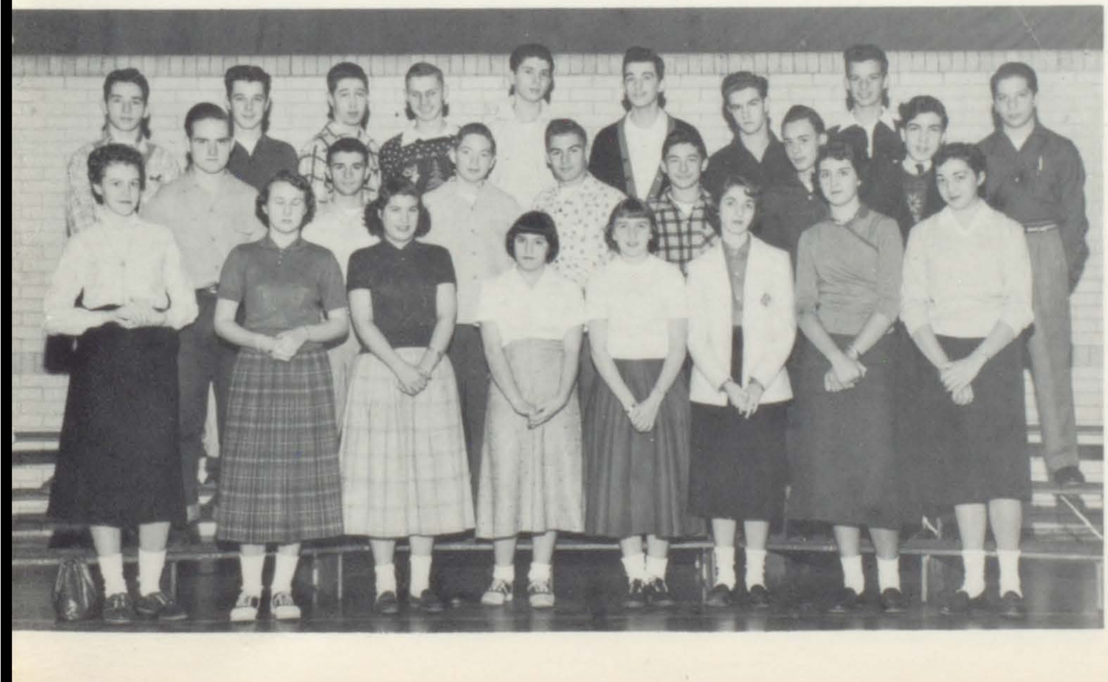
HOMEROOM 2

Front Row, left to right: M. Chase, G. Bowers, P. Burt, S. Bruskiewicz, S. Capron, C. Carissimo, L. Calicchia, S. Busciglio, S. Brockway. *Second Row*: P. Buskey, H. Brand, C. Bowman, P. Cimo, M. Campbell, C. Cassell, N. Clark, V. Ciabotti, F. Ceresoli. *Third Row*: J. Buske, A. Carletta, L. Blood, J. Burns, H. Bush, L. Bormann. *Fourth Row*: D. Bostwick, A. Cianfrocco, J. Chylinski, L. Burdick, B. Carr, F. Calandra.





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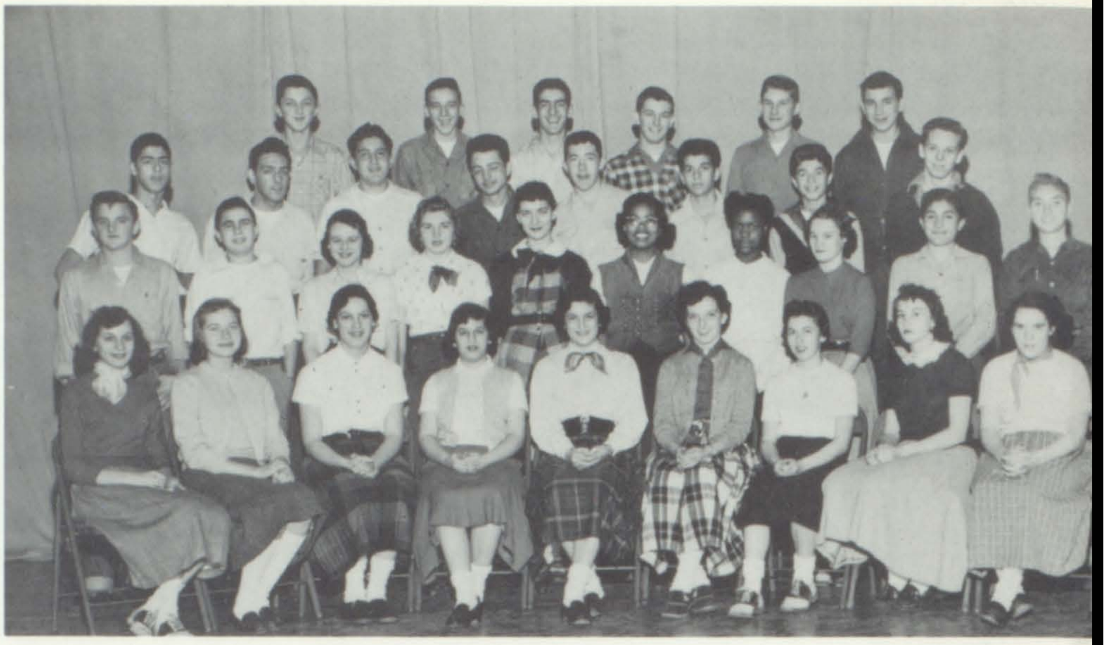
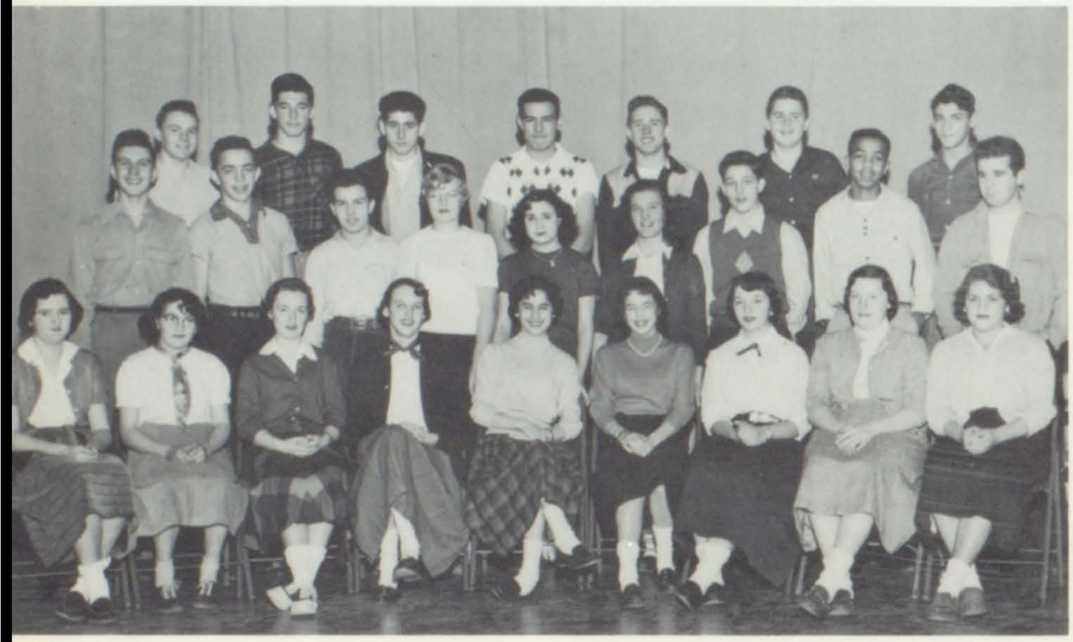
HOMEROOM 10

Front Row, left to right: I. Dursi, C. Fausner, B. Esposito, V. Feole, M. Fragapane, R. DeSantis, J. Gallo, L. Doolittle, L. Drake. *Second Row*: J. Dunham, T. Fusch, B. Fadel, J. Fisher, M. DeSimone, A. Elliott, M. Foulks, S. Doolittle, J. Falcone, M. Fike. *Third Row*: T. D. DePasquale, N. Domenico, P. Destito, J. Destito, G. Drake, A. Ferlo, T. J. DePasquale, B. Flanigan. *Fourth Row*: M. Galluppi, J. Dunn, J. Domenico, J. DeMatteo, D. Finlay, G. Dickerson.





HOMEROOM 20

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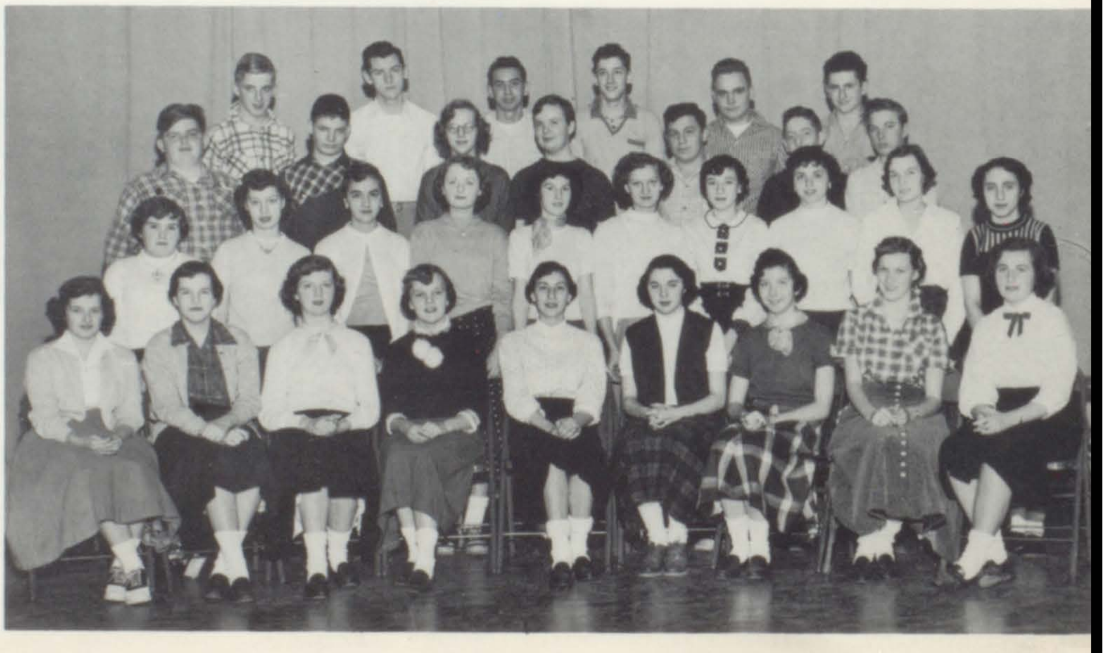
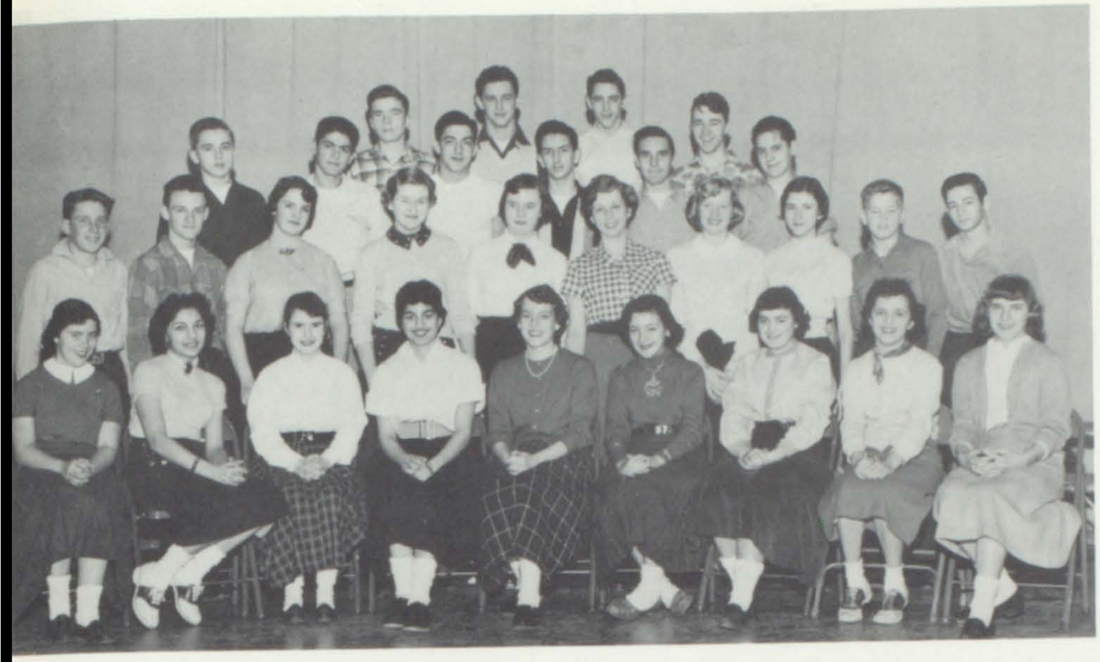
HOMEROOM 21

Front Row, left to right: R. King, C. Jones, G. Kohli, T. Lauber, J. Izzo, S. Lazzara, S. Kulisz, D. Hotchkiss, A. Lisewski. *Second Row*: D. LaPlante, S. LaSalle, D. Lucci, J. Kimmel, M. Keeler, B. Joanis, L. Knotts, D. LoMascolo, M. Kilbourn, V. LaGreco. *Third Row*: J. Larkin, F. Izzo, J. Hojnacki, B. Luck, J. LaGatta, D. Kinne, P. Lamphier. *Fourth Row*: J. Kirkland, J. Johnson, E. Link, P. Kirkland, D. LaGasse, J. Luce.





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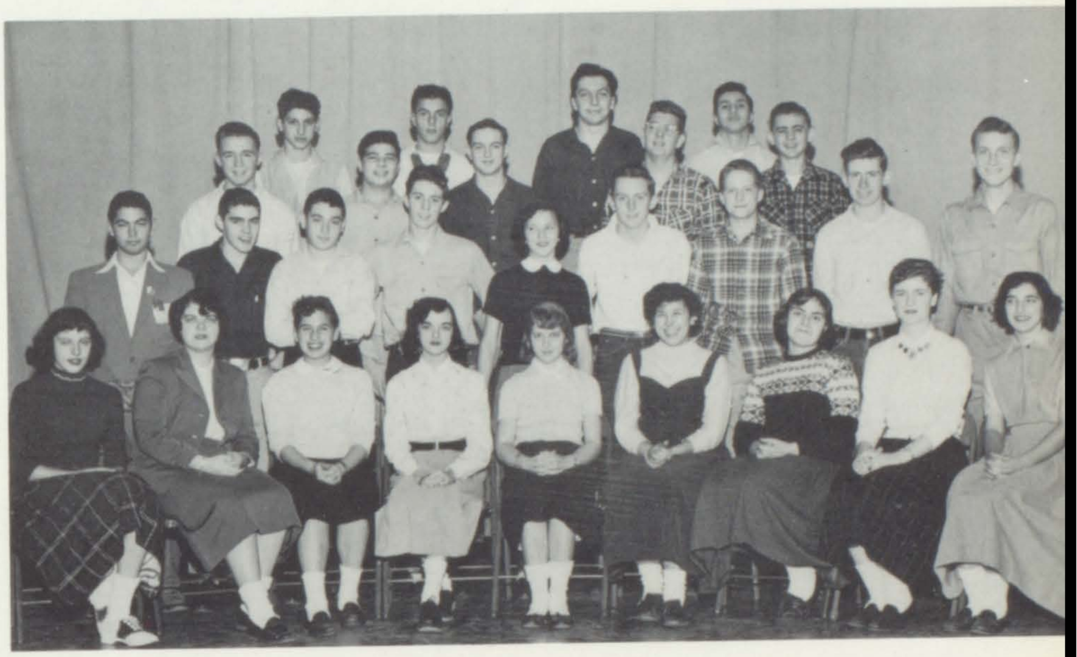

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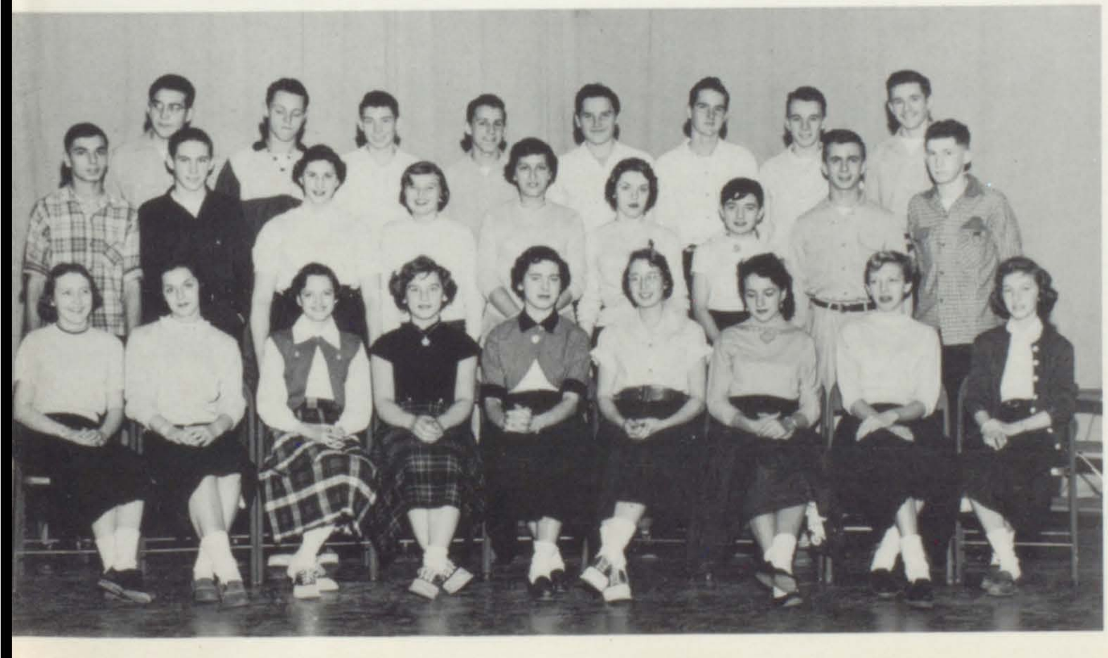
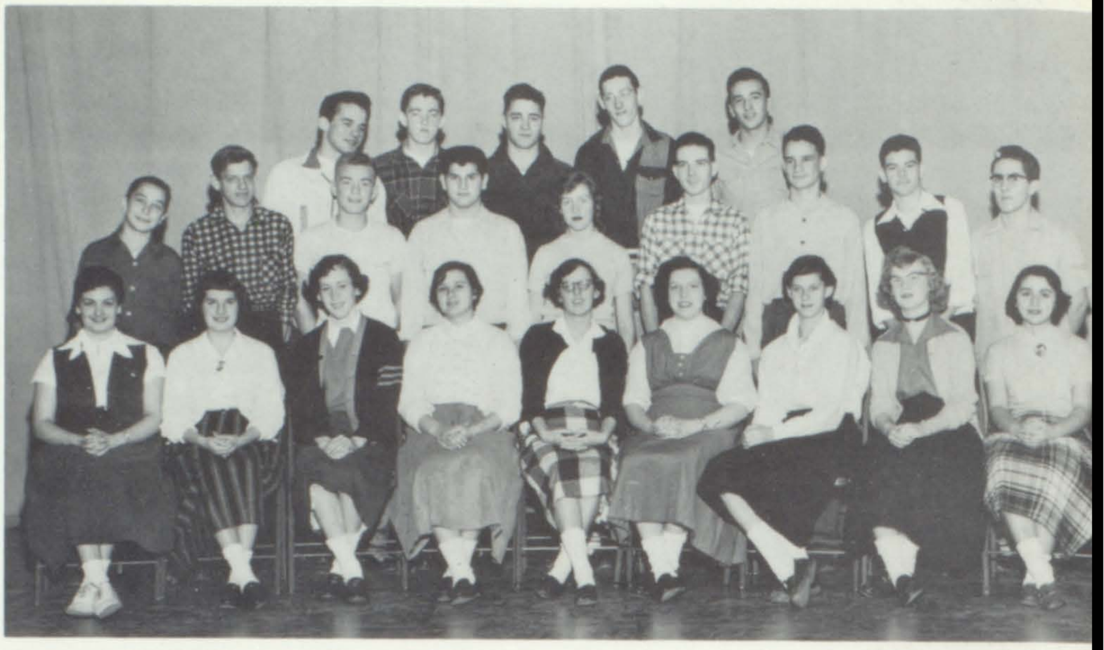


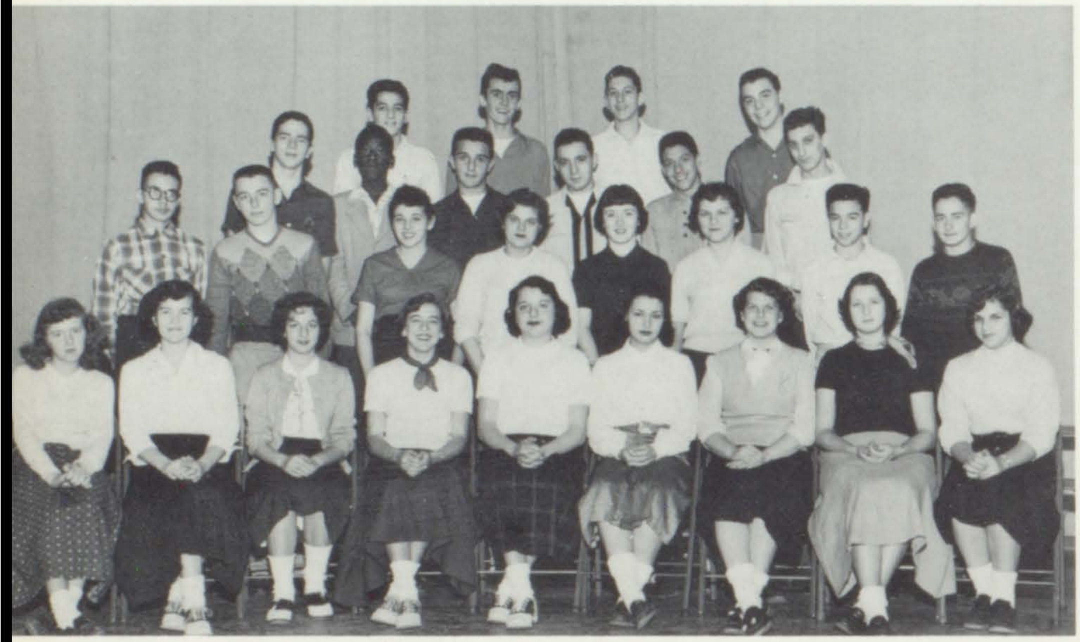
HOMEROOM 28A

Front Row, left to right: M. Neaf, J. Perfetti, M. Pouliot, A. Pawlikowski, C. Pazdure, V. Pendorf, M. Pabis, J. Puchyr, L. Odasso. *Second Row*: J. Occhipinti, A. Nickerson, N. Panara, E. Piotrowski, P. Occhipinti, D. Pratt, M. Noviscky, L. Opper, P. Pfeiffer. *Third Row*: R. Pereto, R. Page, R. Purdy, W. Pinti, L. Palmiero, W. Myers, W. Pugh, E. Patton.

HOMEROOM 31

Front Row, left to right: G. Spinella, P. Spinelli, J. Stannard, N. Spaller, E. Scanlon, R. Sikora, H. Seigler, B. Smith, C. Spadafora. *Second Row*: W. Stachnik, F. Scanlon, W. Slabicki, A. Semo, J. Soboleski, W. Spargo, P. Singleton, V. Sonsini, C. Secor. *Third Row*: M. Spadafora, R. Smith, F. Seifert, R. Sherry, M. Senus.





HOMEROOM 32

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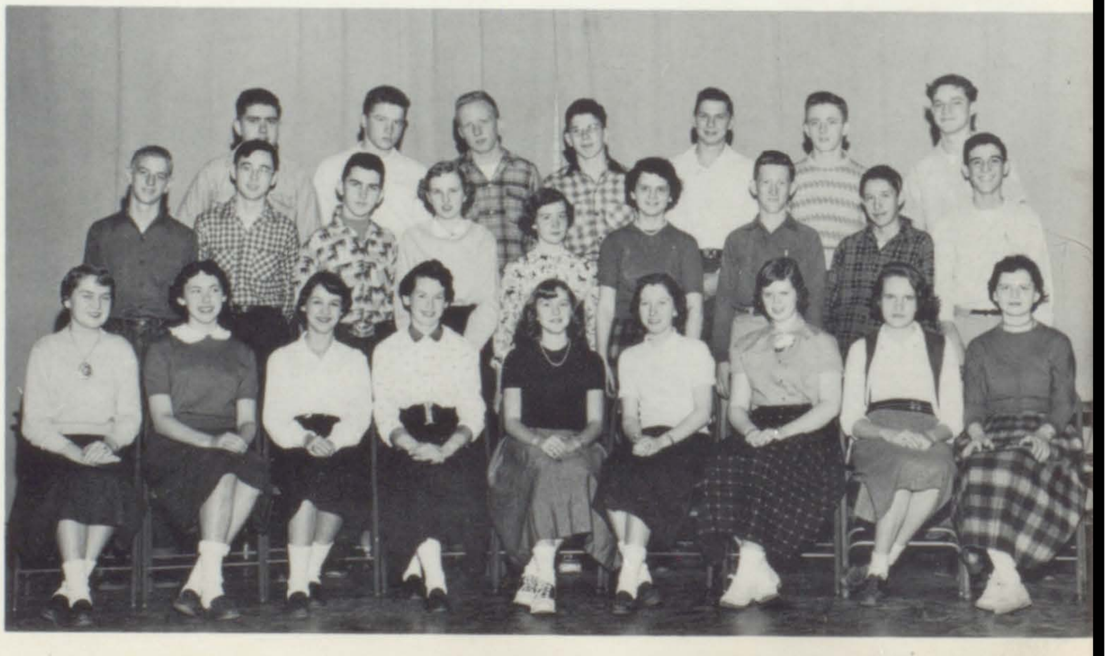
HOMEROOM 37

Front Row, left to right: L. J. Wells, T. Veway, J. Watson, S. Waterbury, S. Williams, B. Winchell, S. Williams, M. Hemmes, J. Wakefield. *Second Row*: G. Walda, R. Wiggins, D. Yager, S. Yaworski, J. Yaworski, J. Wakefield, S. Weimer, R. Wire, J. Zullo. *Third Row*: W. Welch, F. Dolan, D. Woods, D. Wardwell, C. Walters, R. Wittig, M. Wojdyla.



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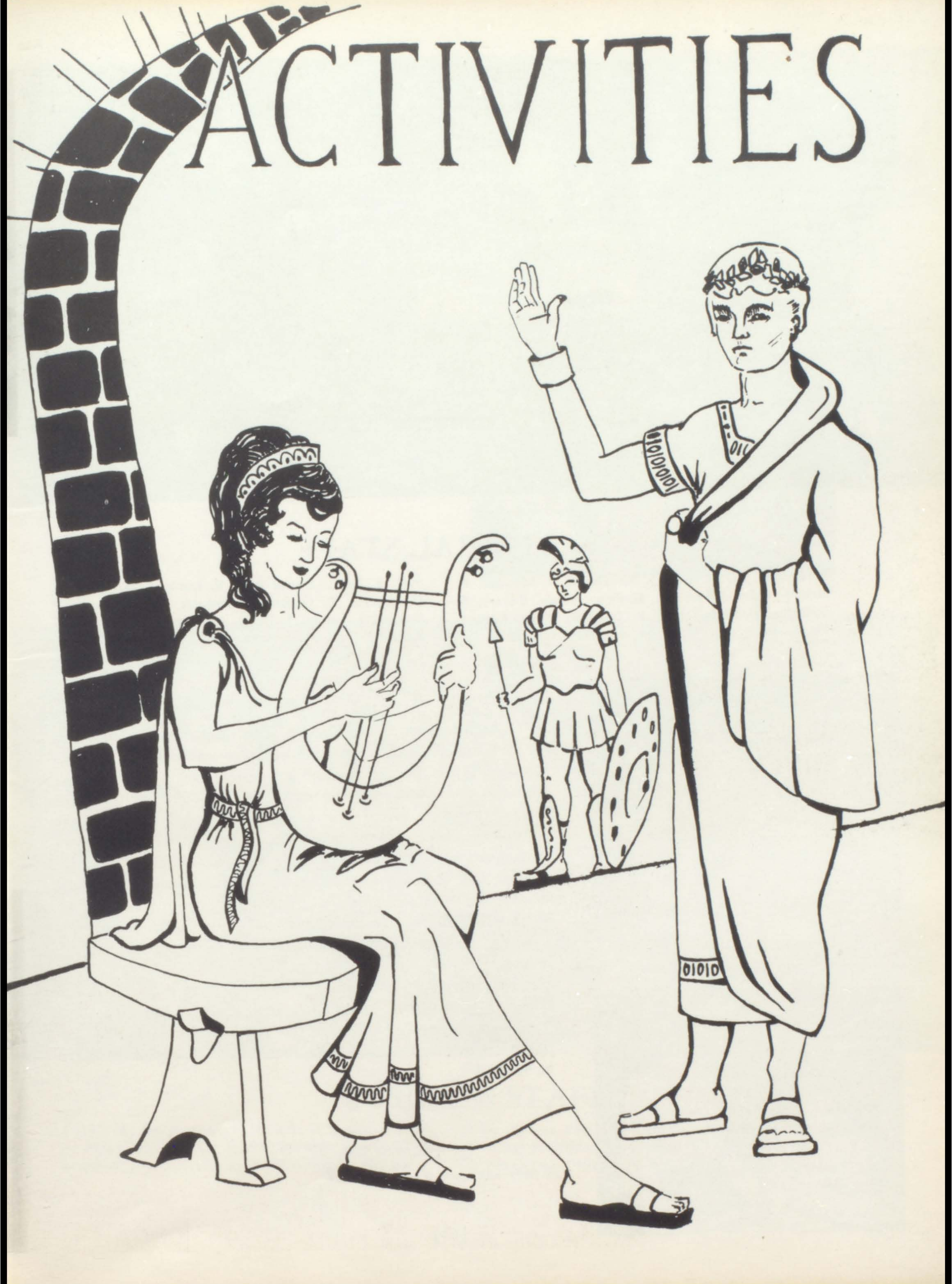

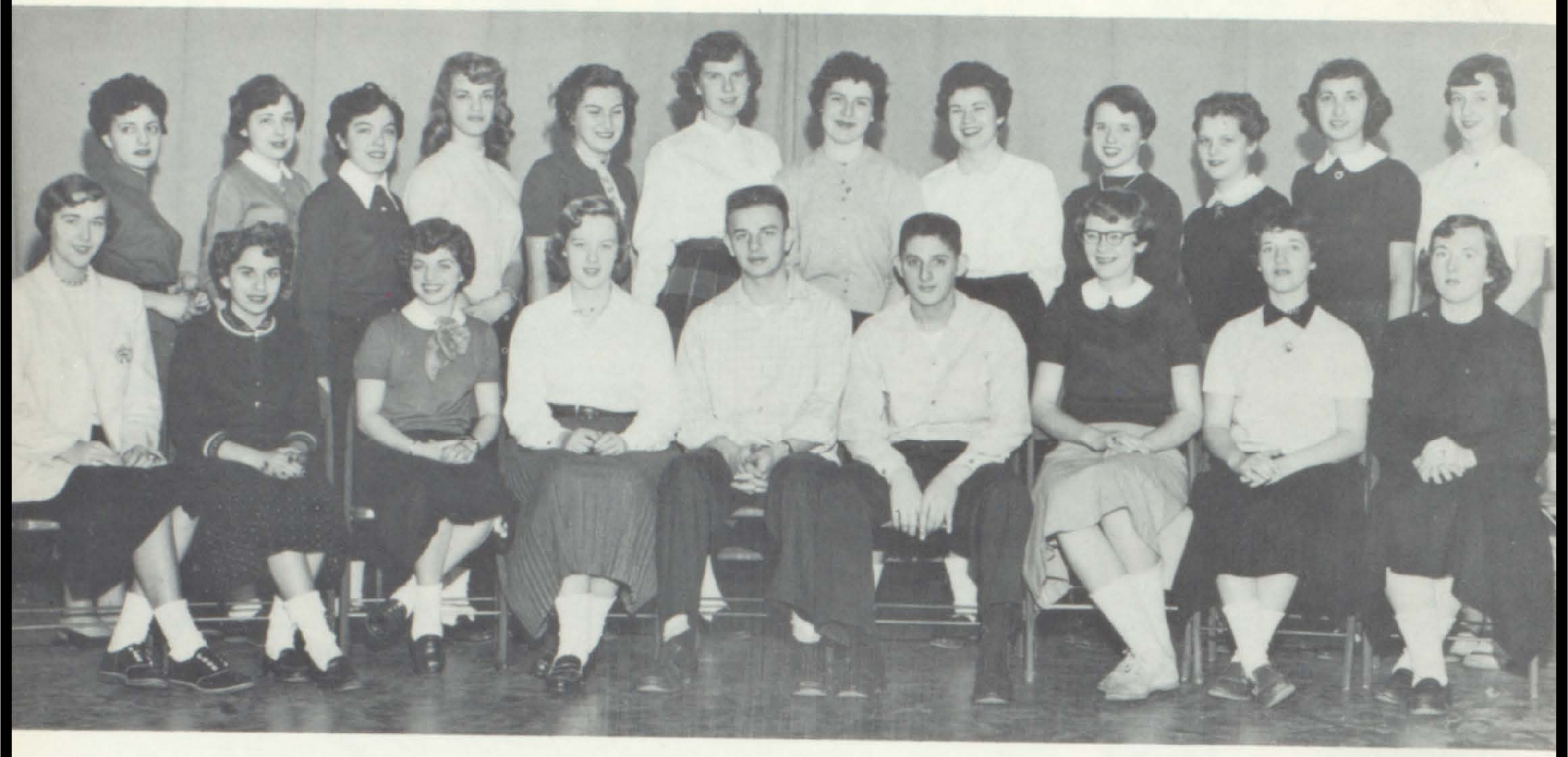

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If confused like everyone else is, refer to schedule.

Like the editorial and business staffs of the past, we feel that we have worked hard to produce a top-notch yearbook, but only you can be the true judges. Routine got under way at an early date with the staff members becoming acquainted with specific duties. Assignments were given to each staff, varying all the way from scheduling photographs to taking popularity contest polls. After assignments were completed and all material collected, came the arduous task of assembling the material for publication. All these jobs kept us under continual pressure in the attempt to beat deadlines. While the editorial staff slaved over photos and copy, the business staff was busy promoting sales, collecting money, and selling advertising.

Even though our trials and tribulations were many, we had a fine time working on something to represent our class. One final word—we do sincerely hope that this yearbook will be able to compete with the high quality publications that R.F.A. has produced in the past.

Now why don't you try it this way?

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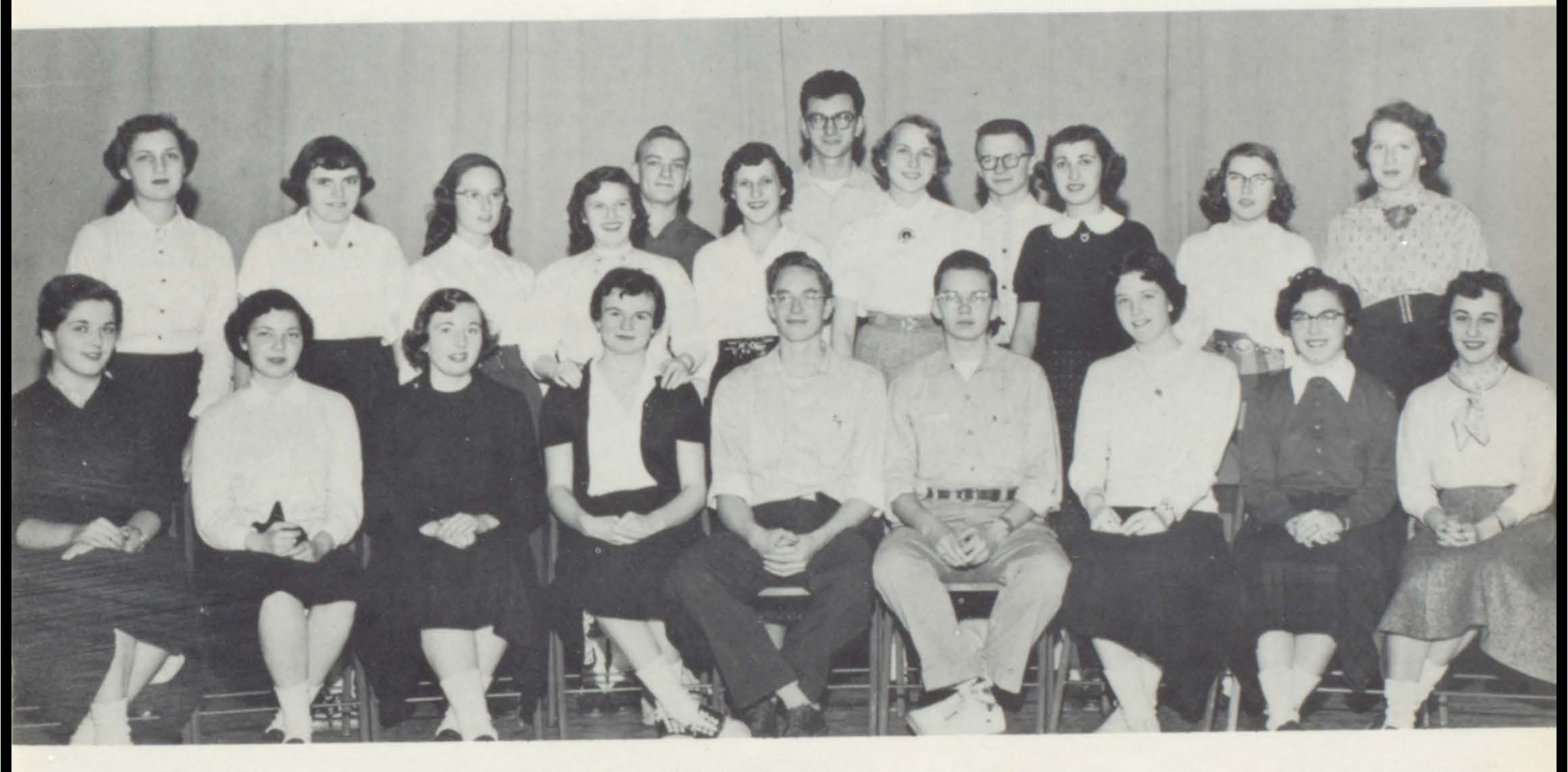
An ad in the yearbook is a must for business.

Counting the loot.



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BSI BULLETIN

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BUREAU OF SCHOOL

Front Row, left to right: A. Parks (*Director*), M. Boriack, J. Noble. *Second Row*: B. Cornish, C. Butler, P. Randle. P. Thurber. *Third Row*: J. Atkinson, G. Aderman, S. Oltmann, D. Campbell.

Commissioner Art Parks scowls while Pat and Jim broadcast the announcements.

BROADCAST DIVISION

The Broadcasting Division broadcast the daily announcements and co-operated with the Red Cross and Student Association in promoting their annual drives, with campaigning for school offices, and with advertising committees for school events. This division broadcast a thought-provoking quotation for each day and announced at varsity basketball games.

The Bulletin Division displayed a "newspaper on a board" in the lighted bulletin board. Reporters produced weekly columns ranging from advice to teen-agers to thoughtful editorials. The editor kept the "Bulletin" timely with backgrounds in modern design.

The Press Division, responsible for R.F.A. news in he Rome Daily Sentinel and Utica Press, passed news daily from student reporters to the editor, the typists, the messengers, the news offices, and the public. Reporters also conducted, tabulated, and wrote up "Scholastic Magazine" polls. During the spring term the commissioner conducted a newspaper journalism course to train cub reporters for the following year.

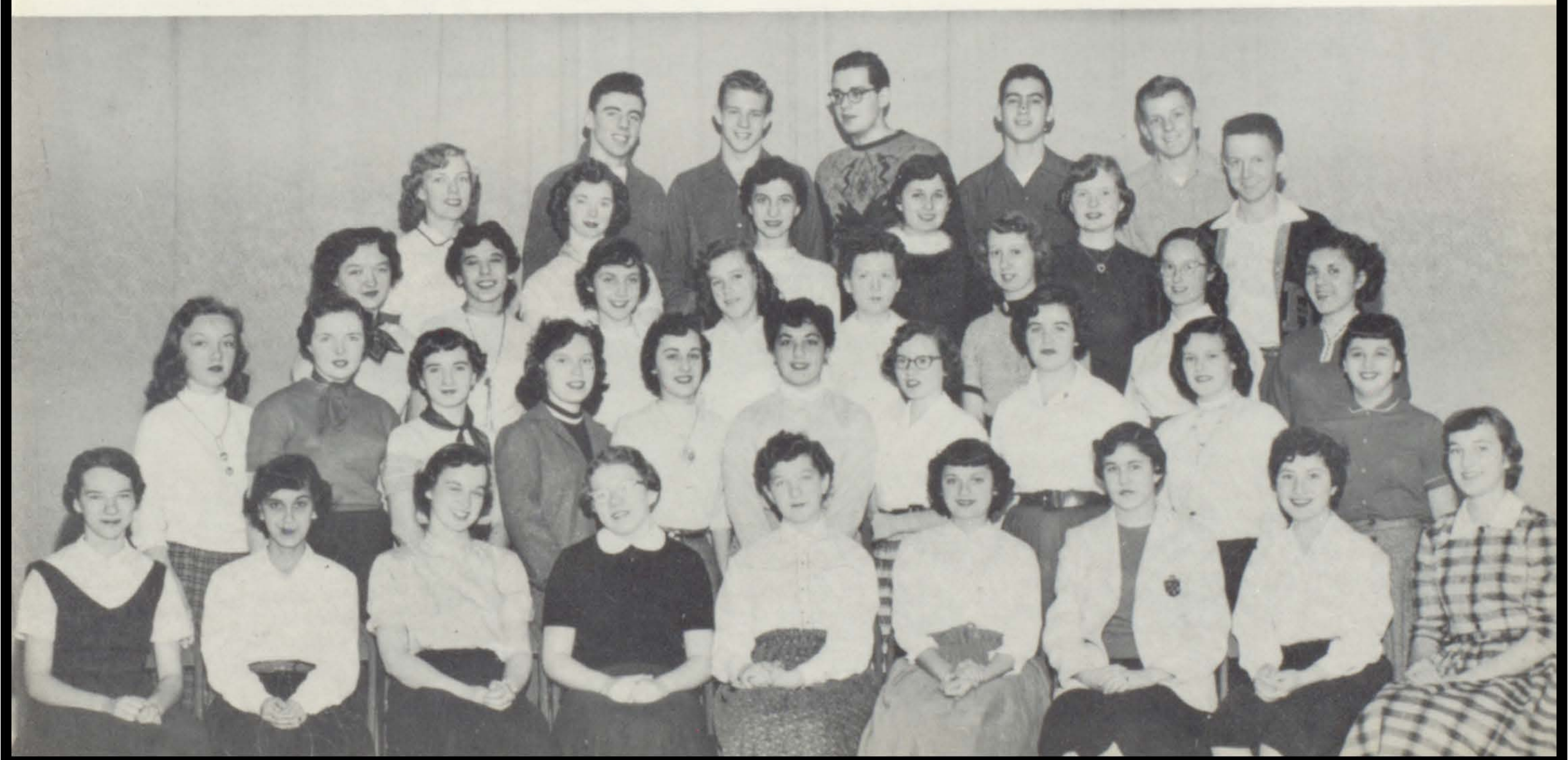
This year the B.S.I. sponsored a "filing cabinet" dance—to purchase a new cabinet. After much deliberation it was decided not to decorate with filing cabinets. Five issues of the "B.S.I. Grad Pad" were sent to B.S.I. alumni.

News is collected, approved, and prepared for the Bulletin.

When two bosses gang up on a reporter.

INFORMATION

Front Row, left to right: S. DeHimer, A. Spado, K. McDonald, P. Thurber (*Press Editor*), M. Moriack (*Commissioner*), R. DeBonzo (*Secretary*), T. Marks, R. Stumpo, D. Chyrywaty. *Second Row*: N. Nevinger, M. Casler, D. Heuer, M. Sikora, J. Yano, L. Parry, N. Jahnke, C. Butler, P. King, T. Carro. *Third Row*: P. Albrecht, V. Donato, P. DeConde, P. Dailey, L. Metzger, B. Bormann, C. Keeler, M. Careddu. *Fourth Row*: N. Turner, N. Hadlock, M. Nole, R. Semo, P. Randle, J. Noble. *Fifth Row*: D. Campbell, S. Oltmann, P. Goldstone, A. Parks, R. Come.



Nancy, Nick, Arlene, and Stan discuss Council affairs.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council, largest student government body in the school, this year promoted a Thanksgiving Day drive for food for needy families. It also sponsored a dance along with many other interesting activities. We believe that the Student Council was instrumental in helping to insure successful student government.

Front Row, left to right: S. Regetz, M. Malorzo, S. Glockner, N. Barnard (*Secretary*), N. Bottini (*Vice-President*), J. Kiskadden (*President*), J. Akins, A. DeConde, P. Lewek. *Second Row*: J. Tosti, M. Copia, L. Wells, S. Ball, D. Hotchkiss, B. Esposito, A. Simiele, M. Pomilio, M. Guglielmo, B. Smith. *Third Row*: W. Spargo, J. Nobert, R. Dellork, S. Gorski, C. Cataldi, P. Todora, M. Semo, R. Bielby, H. Bush. *Fourth Row*: V. Coccia, B. Fiore, T. Feickert, J. Noble, E. Hitchings.

STUDENT CABINET

The Student Cabinet served as a legislative body within our student government. It was composed of the officers of Student Association, the class presidents, the commissioner of the B.S.I., the president of Inter-Club Council, the faculty treasurer, the principal and assistant principal, and the co-ordinator of extra-curricular activities.

Front Row, left to right: Mr. Moe (*Treasurer*), N. Barnard (*Secretary*), J. Kiskadden (*President*), N. Bottini (*Vice-President*). *Second Row*: Mr. Whittemore (*Faculty Representative*), J. Tosti (*Pres. Soph. Class*), M. Boriack (*BSI Commissioner*), Miss Kingsley (*Faculty Representative*), B. Paige (*Pres. Inter-Club Council*), V. DeCarolis (*Pres. Junior Class*), J. Atkinson (*Pres. Senior Class*), Mr. Paige (*Faculty Representative*).

Nick, Joyce, and Martha run over business before a meeting.

Front Row, left to right: K. Scothon, B. Yaffee, A. Minor, C. Chase, J. Glockner, N. Shaffer, A. Thomas, M. Reader, J. Duffy. *Second Row*: K. McDonald, S. Regetz, J. McIntosh, V. Schmidt, T. Marks, L. Parry, P. Randle, C. Butler, R. Stumpo, K. LaPlante, M. Boriack, J. Kiskadden. *Third Row*: N. Barnard, S. DeHimer, S. Ball, B. Kraunz, J. Scritchfield, B. Sawyer, M. Robinson, P. Kanuer, K. Baumler, J. Ruby, B. Paige.

INTER-CLUB COUNCIL

Clad in dark skirts and white blouses, the 22 seniors and 11 juniors who composed our assembly ushers staff, had a busy year. This year the double assembly programs gave added responsibility to the ushers. Under Miss Clarke's direction, the difficulties were overcome, and a very efficient group of girls led our school to assemblies.

Co-ordinating club activities proves to be a hard job for Celiene, Janet, and Nancy.

Four of Rome's finest.

ASSEMBLY USHERS

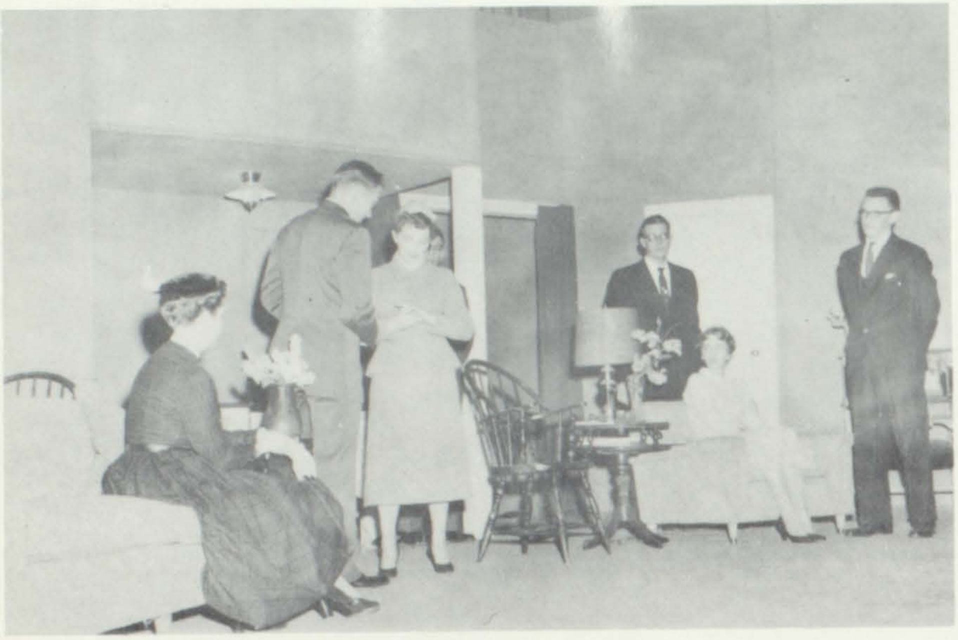
The Inter-Club Council served as a tie between the numerous clubs of R.F.A. and the student government. Each club had one representative who met with others to discuss club problems. The president presented club problems to the Cabinet, of which he is a regular member. This year the Council sponsored a "School Carnivale"; this was a high point of the year.

Front Row, left to right: Betty Jahnke, Janet Grzesiak, Marie Zullo, Barbara Paige, Lucille Coccia. *Second Row*: Robert Bidwell, Celiene Nold, Nancy Turner, Stephen Oltman, Kay Scothon, Barbara Charlebois, Don Sherwood, Moe Burlison.

Art, Steve, and Pete give Mrs. Bates an appreciation gift.

"Dear Ruth"

SENIOR PLAY



A touching scene from "Dear Ruth" as Lt. Seawright gives Ruth her ring. Rival Albert, the Judge and his wife, and Martha are caught expressionless.

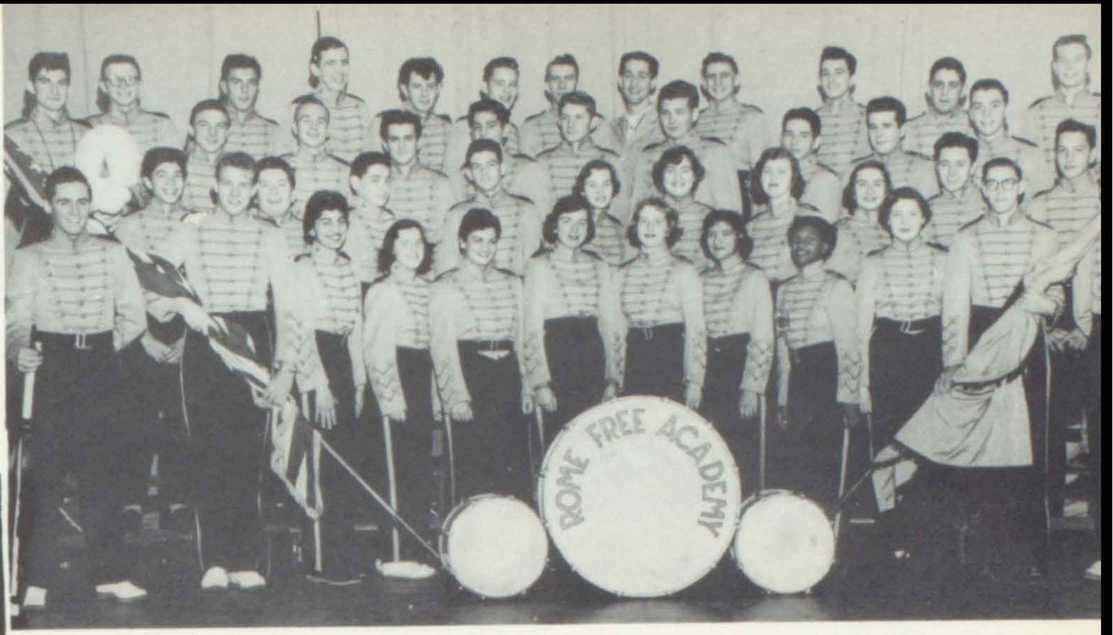
That last look before the grand opening.

We came to see the play—and the ushers.

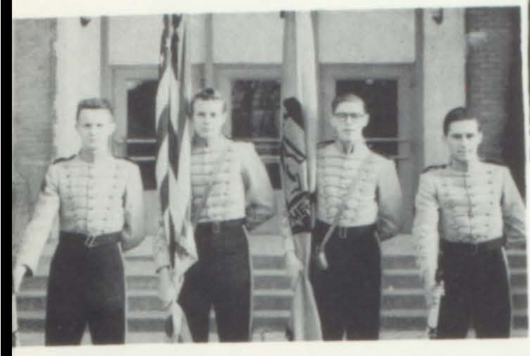
On a Friday night in November, the class of 1955 presented the comedy "Dear Ruth." The play was directed by Mrs. Curtis Bates.

The play's difficulties take place in the home of Judge Harry Wilkins (Peter Goldstone), his wife (Janet Scritchfield), their two daughters, Miriam (Elizabeth May) and Ruth (Martha Boriack) and Dora the maid (Donna Schug). All the trouble begins with Miriam writing to servicemen to boost their morale—but she signs Ruth's name to the letters. Lt. William Seawright (Steve Oltman), who has received one of Miriam's letters, comes home after 25 missions in hopes of marrying Ruth. Ruth, who works in the local bank, is engaged to Albert Kummer (Albert Herter), who objects to the lieutenant. Sgt. Chuck Vincent (Arthur Parks) and Martha Seawright (Anne Thomas) help to create more confusion with their romance; this one ends happily. Ruth's final decision favors Lt. Seawright. When all seems right again, Harold Klobbermeyer (Bruce Engelbert), another of Miriam's correspondents, arrives looking for Ruth!!!!!

BAND



West Point, here we come!



Front Row, left to right: Bidwell, Oltman, Malarzo, Smith, Spinelli, Donavan, Guiltinan, Felice, Davis, Yaffee, Ripley, Noble. *Second Row*: DePasquale, Gubbins, Searles, Sonsini, Kilbourn, Bingham, Wheeler, Caswell, Solce, LaRusso. *Thrd Row*: Viverito, McCloskey, Marucci, Palombi, Finley, Washburn, Countryman, Gifford, Tosti, Summa. *Fourth Row*: Feickert, Fouts, Recco, Ruby, Giambona, Edkins, West, Owens, Rhemick, Concagnia, Spado, Connors.

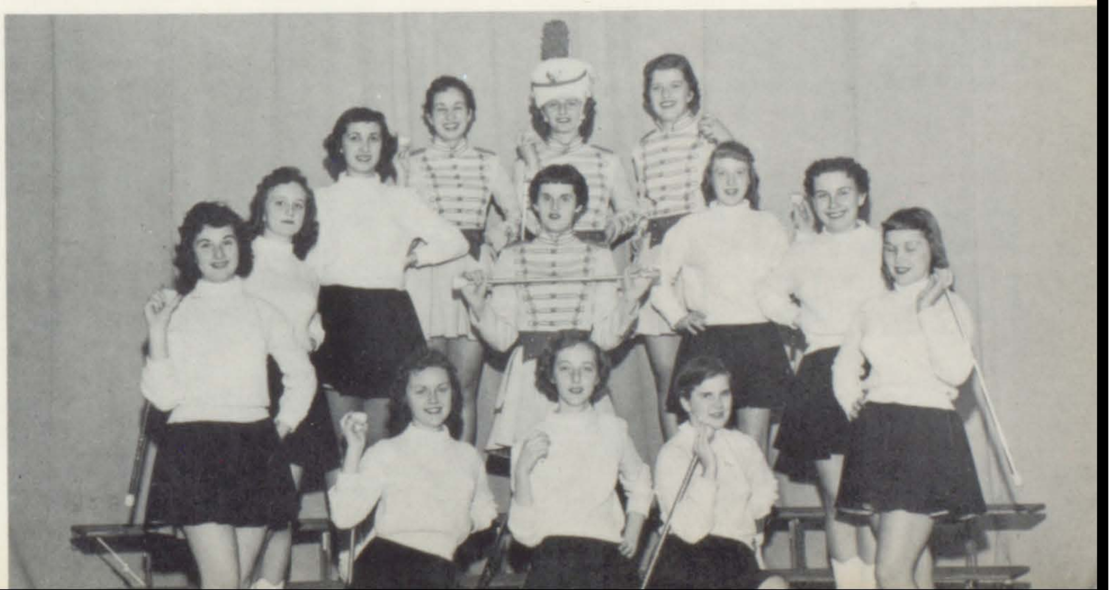
The band, under the direction of John Wise, gave marching demonstrations at all home football games. Its marching season was climaxed by its performance at White Plains. Appearances in assemblies and at the spring music festivals were also part of its activities. Special events participated in by the band were the annual spring banquet and the spring and fall dances.

The form for which they're famous.

MAJORETTES

The R.F.A. Majorettes added sparkle and color to 1954 football. These striking baton twirlers entertained spectators before games and in half-time ceremonies. They accompanied the band to White Plains for the annual Thanksgiving football event.

Front Row, left to right: L. Giarusso, D. Miller, B. Muszynski, A. Gyngell, C. Chase. *Second Row*: C. Farnum, J. Cleveland, B. Luberda. *Third Row*: N. Shaffer, A. Casler. *Fourth Row*: C. Carrieri, P. Vaccaro (*Head Majorette*), S. Ball.



Front Row, left to right: Hoag, McFarland, Bauer, DeSantis, Guiltinan, McDonald, Marucci, Engelbert, Lennon, Parry, Secor, Green, Orendorf, Snyder, Bidwell, Shaffer, Miller, Nevinger, Bowman. *Second Row*: Sprague, Thomas, Well, Trino, Spinelli, LaMay, Pacenza, Gardner, Boyer, Gordeckie, Fouts, Caporilli, Stannard, Bellinger, Bruskiewicz, Baumler, Stumpo. *Third Row*: Sanzone, Ballard, Rushlow, Baum, Salvaggio, Roberts, McLeod, DeProspero, Van Slyke, Marshall, Palombi, Crosby, Martinez, Lauber, Sykes, Fazzi, Janczewski. *Fourth Row*: Sikora, Sgambellone, Grainger, Fout, Paige, Scothon, Sawyer, Puglia, Domenico, Owens, Coluccio, Edkins, Feickert, Heavner, Ottman, Finlay, Randle, White, Yaworski, Elliott.

CAPPELLA CHOIR

Several members of our 70 voice group participated in the All-State choir. Programs were presented for the Rotary Club, Wednesday Morning Club, Zeba Grotto, and school assemblies. We presented a television show in the spring and competed in the state music festival.

FRENCH CLUB

As members of the French Club of Rome Free Academy, we were helped to learn facts of the customs of the French, their country, and their language. We spoke French at our meetings and had guest speakers, discussion of the French songs and literature. Our final meeting of the year featured a banquet, fine in any language.

Front Row, left to right: J. Scritchfield, P. Thurber (*Program Chairman*), J. McIntosh (*Treasurer*), B. Cornish (*Vice-President*), P. Goldstone (*President*), K. Baumler (*Secretary*), J. Ruby, R. Matrassi, P. Randle. *Second Row*: K. LaPlante, G. Vacarro, E. Rosoff, J. Stovall, D. Wheeler, M. Baum, E. Petrie, N. Shaffer, T. Marks, R. Stumpo, E. May, B. Dawes. *Third Row*: S. DeHimer, J. Besenfelder, C. Butler, S. Caswell, A. Miner, C. Chase, V. Conner, M. Reader, D. Chyrywaty, B. Kraunz, K. Scothon. *Fourth Row*: B. Blades, M. Robinson, S. Oltmann, P. Knauer, V. DeVisser, B. Paige, K. McDonald.

Allez-op, c'est un bon jeu!

SECCA-TYPES

Some boss is going to have a nice secretary.

Front Row, left to right: R. Semo, R. Lauber, M. Nole, A. Coluccio (***Treasurer***), J. Duffy (***Manager***), P. King (***Secretary***), B. Paige, P. Knauer, M. Quintela. *Second Row*: M. Halder, A. Esposito, C. Keeler, L. Metzger, G. Zawalay, A. DeConde, J. Nicolella, M. Colangelo, C. Sgambellone, G. Vecchio. *Third Row*: L. Haluck, A. Janczewski, S. Williams, J. Lichtenberger, S. Watkins, R. Kipfer, B. Bormann, A. Paoletti, K. Fazzi.

The Secca-Types, a club whose object is to provide clerical assistance to the faculty and clubs, did just that this year. In addition to aiding in school operation, we prepared ourselves for a secretarial vocation. We welcome anyone with one year of typing who is willing to devote at least one period a week toward this work.

The Library Council gave real service to the school. We spent at least one period weekly in the library checking books, preparing new literature for the shelves, cutting clippings from newspapers, and helping to make the library a better place in which to study, read, and do research.

Front Row, left to right: R. Semo, R. Lauber, P. Albrecht (*Vice-President*), N. Halder, (*Treasurer*), E. May (*President*), R. DeBonzo (*Secretary*), E. Scanlon, C. Gruber, V. Conner. *Second Row*: E. Hartigan, A. George, M. Sanzone, C. Keeler, R. Smith, D. LaPlante, A. Perry, C. Davis, D. Bartolomeo, M. Marturano. *Third Row*: M. Sikora, D. Donovan, D. Schug, R. Kipfer, J. Griffith, G. Sykes, A. Thomas, S. Pritchard, K. Lazzara. *Fourth Row*: R. Burns, B. Hall, J. Hammon, C. Hunziker, V. Schmidt, M. Rutkowski, D. Wheeler, D. Caparilli.

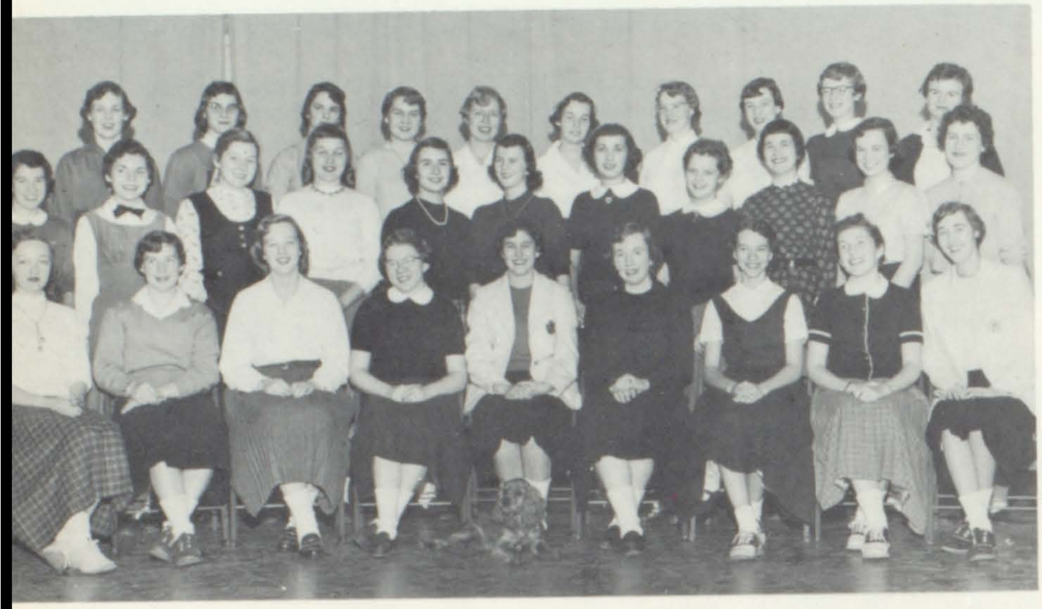
Doodie, Nancy, and Donna check book classifications.

LIBRARY COUNCIL

Veritas Vincit, organized to enable girls interested in higher education to become familiar with college life, this year consisted of thirty girls and was advised by Mrs. Bates. Representatives of various colleges were invited to describe their schools. Outstanding social functions were the spring blue jean dance and the Christmas party.

College bound trio scan catalogues.

VERITAS VINCIT



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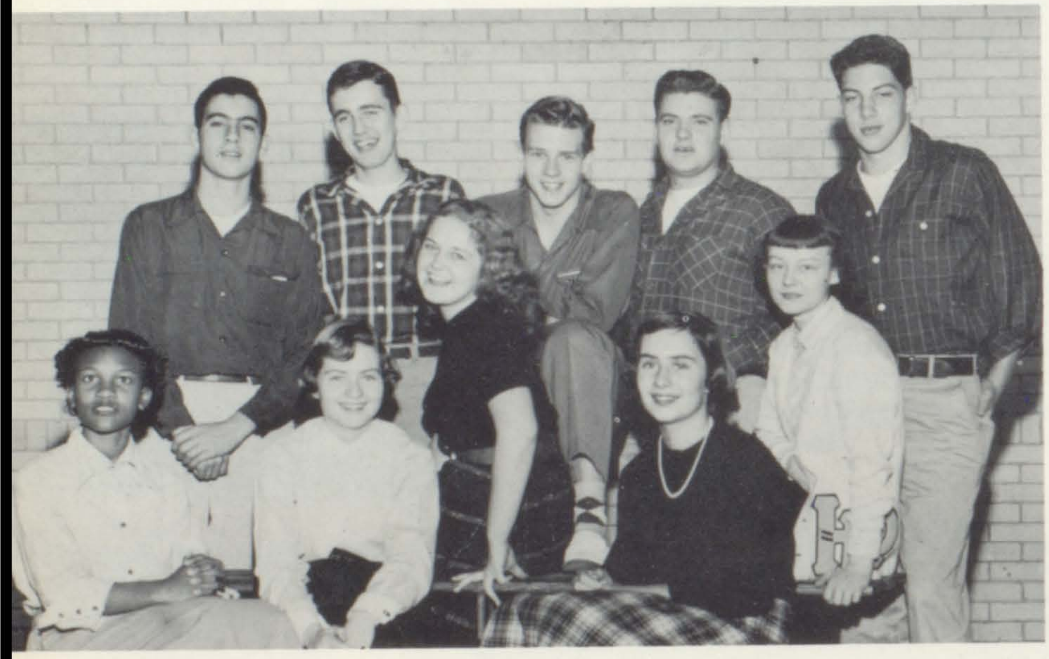
SLINGERLAND



Front Row, left to right: C. Davis, E. May, R. Harper, S. Caswell, J. Sykes. *Second Row*: A. Parks, J. Ruby, S. Oltmann, R. Abbott, M. Summerfelt.

The Slingerland prize speaking contest, for the 52nd consecutive year, offered the students of R.F.A. a means of demonstrating their speaking ability. The preliminaries narrowed the group to five boys and five girls. After the hotly contested finals, one boy and one girl each received one half the interest on the sum of two thousand dollars.

And do not soil the air with your hand thus . . .

If Robin Hood could only see this!

Under the supervision and guidance of Miss Whitaker, the archery club had a very busy year. As a member of the National Archery Association, a team was given the privilege of shooting in national mail meets. We received the Archer's Magazine and were able to give awards to high scorers in the local spring meet.

ARCHERY CLUB

Front Row, left to right: B. Bidwell, J. Noble, V. De Visser (*Secretary*), B. Englebert (*Vice-President*), J. Atkinson (*President*), T. Feickert (*Treasurer*), N. Bottini, B. Dellork, R. Bitely. *Second Row*: J. Eikenberg, W. Edkins, J. Parks, R. Tyksinski, P. Cerjan, P. Boriack, S. Gorski, V. Sestito. *Third Row*: G. Sager, F. Cook, C. Di Bardino, J. Ruby, A. Parks, J. Healy. *Fourth Row*: B. Holtz, M. Summerfelt, L. Gillette, R. Bird.

HI-Y

Front Row, left to right: V. VanOstraw, N. Panara, C. Nold, E. Stooks, B. Marasco, S. Pomilio, R. Smith, E. Testani, C. Pazdur. *Second Row*: C. Spadafora, G. Zawaly, B. Fadel, E. Ballard, J. Hojnacki, L. Geuther, N. Turner, C. Swerdan, S. Kutisz, J. Deeley, B. Ventura, B. Jahnke.

The program for Hi-Y is very interesting, but someone finds the photographer more interesting.

Hi-Y, with a membership of 30, had a very successful year. The outstanding event of the year took place in the spring, when Hi-Y members took over the reins of city government for a day. The members of the organization attended Hi-Y conferences and participated in various projects.

Front Row, left to right: B. Fadel, D. Cabo, I. Kulisz, C. Van Dresar, G. Vecchio, M. Alyward, G. Garofalo, N. Clark, M. Foulks. *Second Row*: R. Matrassi, P. King, A. Minor, L. Tagliaferri, J. A. Deeley, J. Hojnacki, H. Seigler, P. McMinn, M. Mistretta. *Third Row*: D. Bartolomeo, P. Salod, M. L. Bean, V. LaGreco, M. Thomas, A. Eillott, E. Testani, D. Newman, J. McCurn, L. Orendorff. *Fourth Row*: B. Esposito, J. A. Petrelli, L. Politte, L. Davis, L. Coccia, C. Nold, C. Realbuto, R. Vecchio, S. Tanner, M. Pouliot, N. Spaller.

OFFICIATING CLUB

The Officiating Club consisted of girls who were interested in officiating at play days and intramural sports. The girls learned the rules and regulations of the various sports and applied them while officiating. The club met twice a month to review and discuss rules of all the sports.

GYM LEADERS

The Gym Leaders Club this year consisted of girls who assisted the Physical Education Instructor. Their main purpose was to maintain order in gym class, take roll call, and take care of athletic equipment. Membership in this club helped in earning points toward block R's.

Front Row, left to right: DeBonzo, Zawaly, Quintela (*Secretary*), Matrassi (*Vice-President*), Mrs. Graves, Lazzara (*President*), Staple (*Treasurer*), Bathrick, Smith. *Second Row*: Capron, Feole, Albrecht, Casler, Tamassi, Fort, Fisher, Hoag, Smaldon, Jahnke. *Third Row*: Burns, Hemmes, VanDeWalker, Grzesiak, DeSantis, Heller, Hamela, Luck, Tanner, Keeler, May. *Fourth Row*: Sykes, Elmore, Wooley, Caparilli, Hinds, Hall, Kemme, Rutkowski, Wheeler, Killenback.

F.H.A.

Rosemary, Marlene, and Kay outline year's activities.

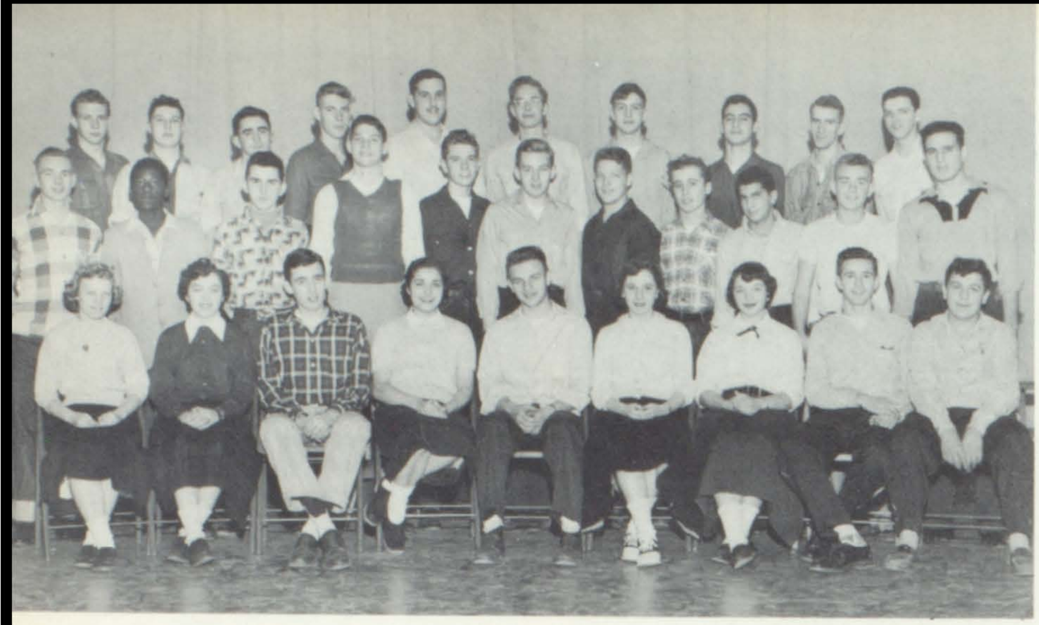
This year we had a new chapter mother, Ruth Selden Stagner, former club president. A busy year featured a rally in Skaneateles and a Thanksgiving program for Nursing Home residents. We had the honor of being written up in a doctoral dissertation about F.H.A. by Miss Pat Tripple.

RED CROSS COUNCIL

The friendship book from Greece is viewed by Council members.

The Red Cross Council served as the Rome Free Academy central organization of the Junior Red Cross. This year the Council conducted the annual membership drive, filled with school supplies a chest for overseas, made holiday favors for the base hospital, and took part in the exchange of albums with foreign schools.

Front Row, left to right: D. LaPlante, E. Scanlon, R. DeBonzo, C. Gruber, M. Zullo, P. King, L. Orendorf, S. Waterbury, B. Bellinger. *Second Row*: A. Vazques, D. Pratt, M. Roberts, E. Melone, B. Fort, P. Taverna, L. Coccia, L. Knotts, J. Fisher, J. Petrelli. *Third Row*: S. June, A. Coluccio, M. Marturano, C. Hunziker, E. Hartigan, R. Smith, C. Bathrick, M. Chase, N. McLeod.



Front Row, left to right: C. VanDresar, G. Vecchio, J. Ruby (*Ass't Supervisor*), B. Charlebois (*Exec. Sec.*), F. Bodurtha (*Supervisor*), B. Gilleland (*Ass't Sec.*), L. Giardino, E. Patton, J. La Gatta. *Second Row*: K. McCloskey, A. Stovall, D. Yager, G. Sager, R. Drisgula, L. Van Slyke, P. Boriack, R. Bielby, W. Soriano, W. Slabicki, L. Tamburrino. *Third Row*: S. Oltmann, T. Fuller, D. Bostwick, L. Clark, J. Redmond, V. DeVisser, F. Cook, A. Parks, H. West, A. Pouliot.

PROJECTION CLUB

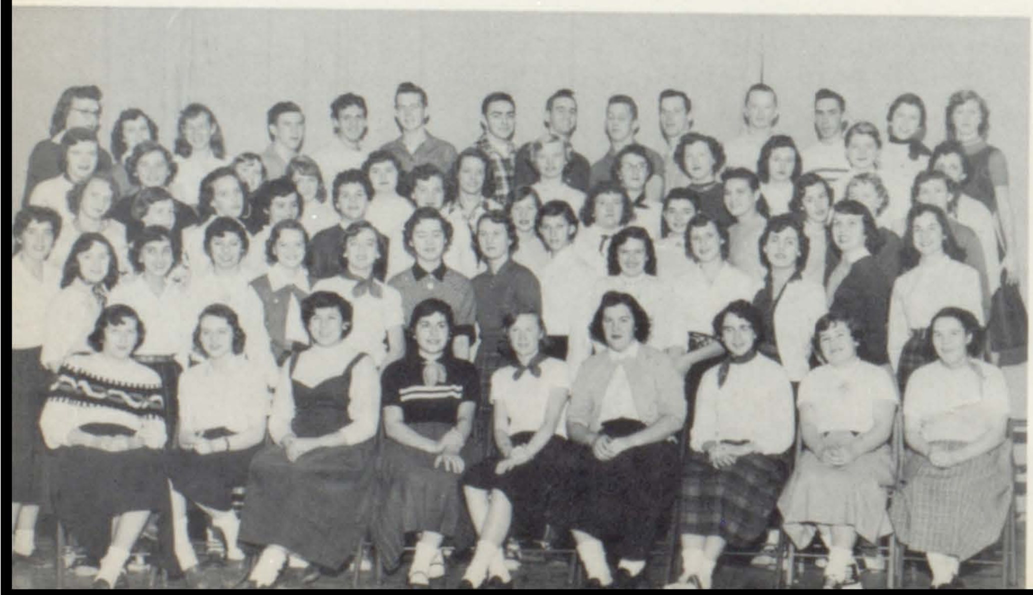
The members of the Projection Club could be seen running in and out of rooms, taking down screens, putting them up, and dissembling projectors. We feel that under the direction of Mr. Hagerty we have served R.F.A. well by assuming responsibility for all phases of showing films and by our backstage work in school productions and assemblies.

Fred and Jim scrutinize film title before showing.

Swing your partner 'round and 'round.

SQUARE DANCE CLUB

The Square Dancing Club, which was organized three years ago under the direction of Coach Wightman, now has a membership of seventy. Every Friday noon the club held square dances in the gym and two successful social dances were given.



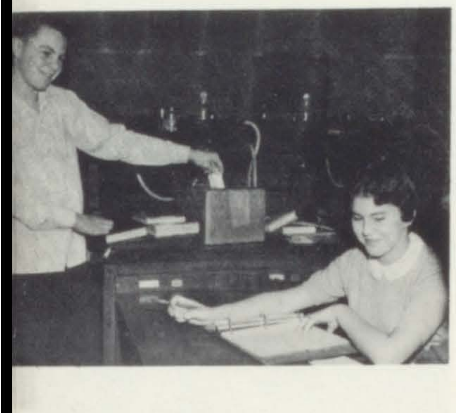
Front Row, left to right: Hammond, Fadel, Reed, Stolo, Heller, Hamala, Capron, LaPlante, Drake. *Second Row*: Soboleski, Major, Spado, Guggi, Pouliot, Thomas, Pazdur, Deely, Seigler, King, Kipfer, Clippinger, Lauber, Bauldigo. *Third Row*: Traxel, Yaworski, Sherman, Bliss, Fachino, Laskowski, Soboleski, Ballard, Novisky, Griffiths, Rushlow, Dolan, Philips. *Fourth Row*: Little, Pawlikowski, Williams, Rogers, Williams, Huey, Watkins, Flint, Fort, Mercoldie, Hinze, Martinez. *Fifth Row*: Yousey, Revette, Donovon, Gordecki, Sherwood, Salisbury, Patterson, Southern, Riley, Sherwood, Ballard, Chrysler, McCurn, Ottman.

Front Row, left to right: B. Charlebois, G. Garafalo, A. Thomas, B. Gardener, M. Burlison, S. Gorski, J. Duffy, C. Realbuto, J. Stovall. *Second Row*: G. Spaller, C. VanVechten, E. Sledziona, D. Tyksinski, L. O'Donnell, J. Eikenburg, D. Harris, A. D'Ambrosi, J. Atkinson, D. Sherwood. *Third Row*: D. Campbell, K. Curley, J. Smith, J. Pendorf, B. Miner, N. Bottini, W. Edkins, H. Clark, D. Bird.

Gathering of the athletes.

BLOCK "R" CLUB

The Block "R" club had a successful initial year, with its primary purpose that of promoting good sportsmanship. We officiated at track meets, sold balloons and programs at football games. Our members, selected from wearers of the block "R", also operated a concession at basketball games.



That all-important ballot is cast.

Mechanics at work.

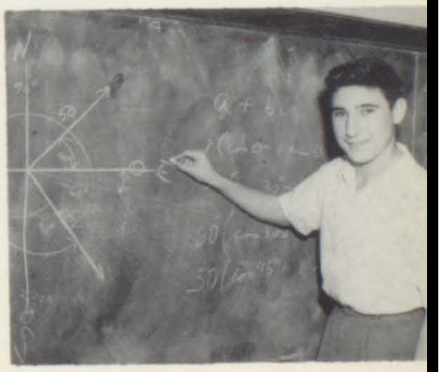
Bob and George at work on creative ceramics.

CLASS ACTIVITIES

Poise is developed in English class.

Well, I live right here.

If it weren't for De Moivre's theorem . . .



CLASS ACTIVITIES

Nancy and Elaine hear boss and transcribe.

So you think you can study here, huh?

Wow . . . Study of microscopic organisms.

Panhandle Butch makes his breakfast.

Liberace has nothing on these.

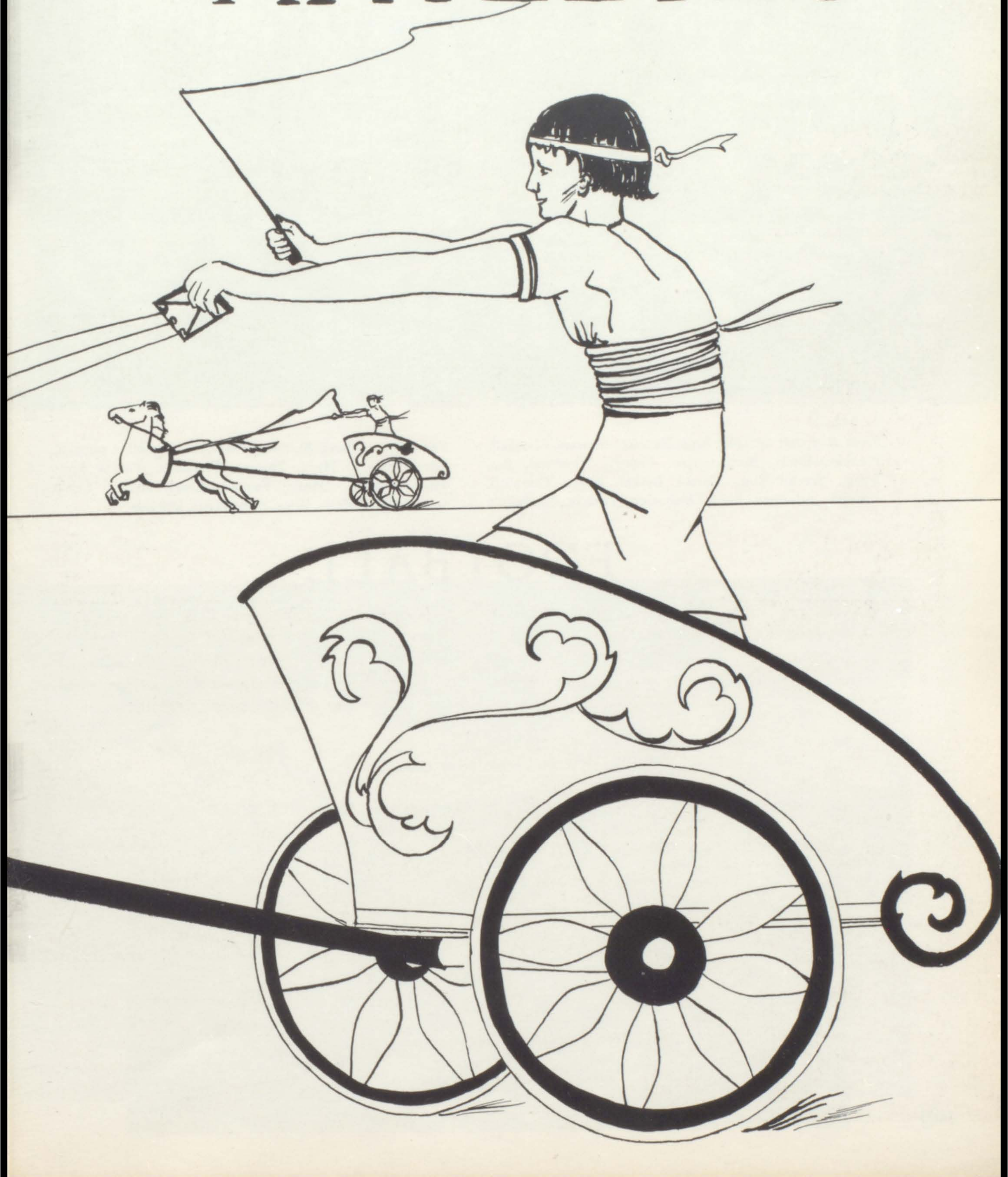
Hank wonders the mysteries of the crankshaft.

Joyce, Barbara, Dianne, and Joy display wonders espanol.

Harry and Don run off office supplies.

Did you ever get that penned-in feeling?

ATHLETES



Front Row, left to right: Nole, Vaccaro, Bronson, Marshall, Frankey, Bitely, Bird, Cerjan, Pickett, D'ambrosi, Bormann. *Second Row*: Gorski, Bottini, Koski, Campbell, Burdick, Aderman, Sager, Slobodian, Ferarre, Spadafora. *Third Row*: Alessi, Burlison, Spaller, O'Donnell, Campbell, Barr, Verrenti, Mayo, Thomas, Sherwood. *Fourth Row*: Dake, Pendorf, Destito, Falcone, Coach McKee, Coach Grant, Miner, Holtz, Riley, Summerfelt, Drisgula.

FOOTBALL

Football coach John Grant turned out one of the best football teams in his career. The men of the gridiron turned out a six and two record and scored points second only to one other R.F.A. eleven.

The season's opener was a 52 to 0 romp over Ilion. It featured the running feats of fullback Joe Nole and scatback Norm Thomas. Nole scored 4 TD's while Thomas crossed the goal line three times. Excellent defensive play held Ilion scoreless.

Norm Thomas gains ground.

Late in the third quarter of the second game of the season, Watertown cracked over for the only score of the game. When the gun sounded, the scoreboard read Watertown 6, R.F.A. 0. This contest was a see-saw battle in which punts played a prominent role. Several times Rome had scoring chances but failed to break through. Nevertheless, Rome displayed sportsmanship right up to the end, even when Bottini caught an out of bounds pass on the two yard line near the end of the game.

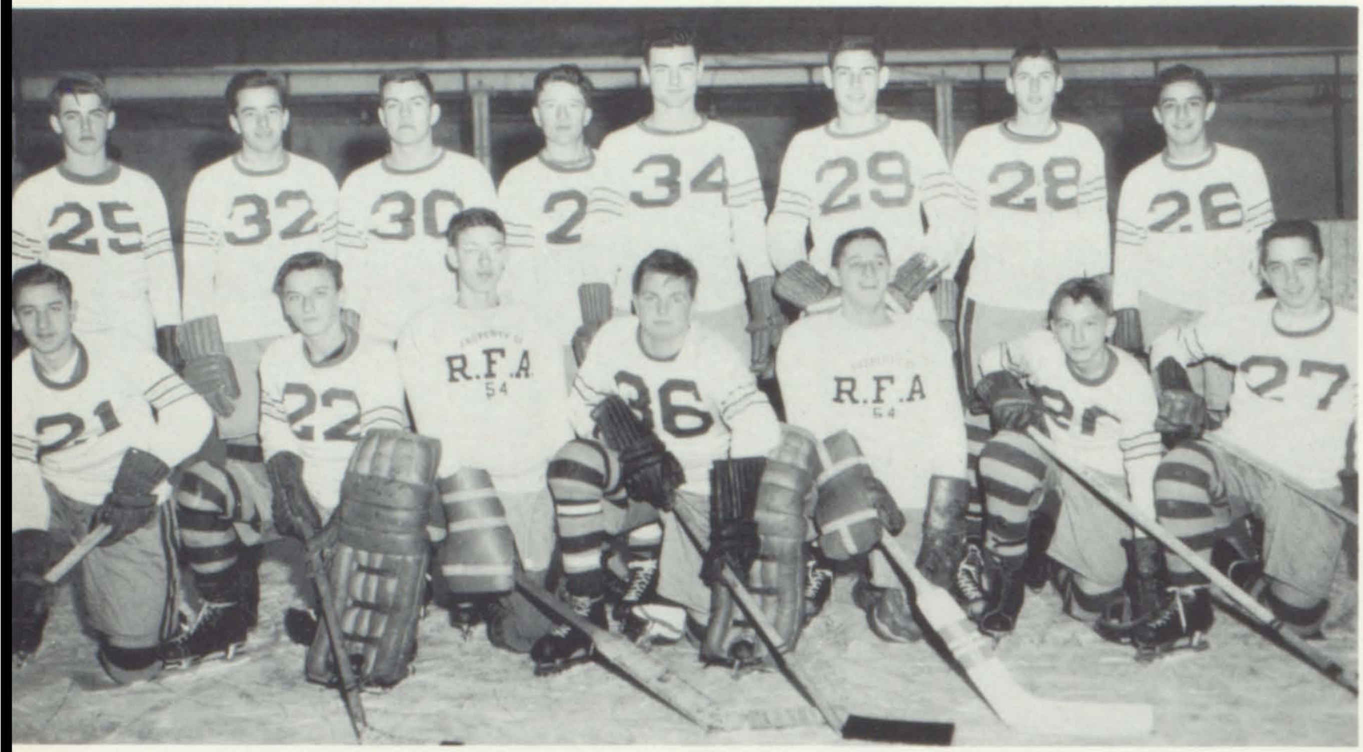
The gridders then journeyed to Auburn and played in the driving rain which was the forerunner of Hurricane Hazel. A strong Auburn eleven took advantage of the home site and squeezed out a 14-0 decision. Rome students showed their support of the team by making the long trip to the Auburn game, played on a field of mud.

The fourth game put Rome back on the victory trail. A defeat of Proctor was followed by another win, this time over an always dangerous Whitesboro squad. The twin win did a lot to pep up the team and student body for the traditional U.F.A. game

On a cold Saturday afternoon, the Rome eleven displayed their talents before a home crowd against rival Utica Free Academy. When the gun sounded, the tally read 13 to 0 in favor of the home town boys. This game was a forecast of big things yet to come and in the next game Rome trounced Oneida 53 to 0. Next in line was the traditional Thanksgiving Day game with White Plains.

White Plains seemed to hold an edge with a terrific weight advantage, while the Romans had the better record. Smarting from defeat at the hands of White Plains in recent years, the Rome team gave everything they had. At the half Rome led by a score of 32 to 0, a score much more lopsided than the game up to this point. White Plains was unable to stop the march to victory in the second half and the final score found Rome on top by 32 to 19.

O'Donnell fights his way through.



Front Row, left to right: C. Alessi, R. Martin, J. Pendorf, D. Harris, D. Tyksinski, D. Bergstrom, A. D'Ambrosi. *Second Row*: B. Blocher, B. Brown, R. Bitely, J. Parks, P. Fitsik, R. Flint, K. Curley, V. Sanzone.

HOCKEY

With the number of returning veterans left from last year at a minimum, Coach Charlie Dain assembled his hockey squad for their usual rough schedule. The veterans from the squad of '54 included Dick Flint, Dave Harris, Angelo D'Ambrosi, Dick Tyksinski, and Pete Fitsik. Along with them were a group of freshmen who were beginning their first year in high school hockey. Boys who remained from the "B" squad were John Parks, Dick Bitely, and Judd Pendorf.

The team scheduled games in the Hamilton tournament and the rough Lake Placid tourney. Other games were played against Clinton Central and Onondaga Valley of Syracuse. The winter's cold provided lots of ice for practice, and the team felt pleased with its game and its record.

Tops on offense . . .

. . . And on defense.

Front Row, left to right: Pouliot, Douglas, Stevens, Meszler, Frankey, Greene, Christman, Seaton, Cassell, Petrie, Gould. *Second Row*: Campbell, Molineaux, Curley, Acock, Foulks, Hatter, Burns, Bird, Sledziona, Atkinson, Clark, Pucyr, Gorski. *Third Row*: Reh, Smith, O'Donnell, Van Vechten, Hughes, Summerfelt, Coach Fornal, Burdick, Owens, Spaller, Fiorenza, Hernandez, Wimett, Coach Weed.

TRACK

The track team turned in a good season by winning several dual meets. Among the vanquished were New Hartford, Oneida, Whitesboro, and Proctor, the latter losing twice to R.F.A. Utica Free Academy was the only team to beat the black and orange in dual competition.

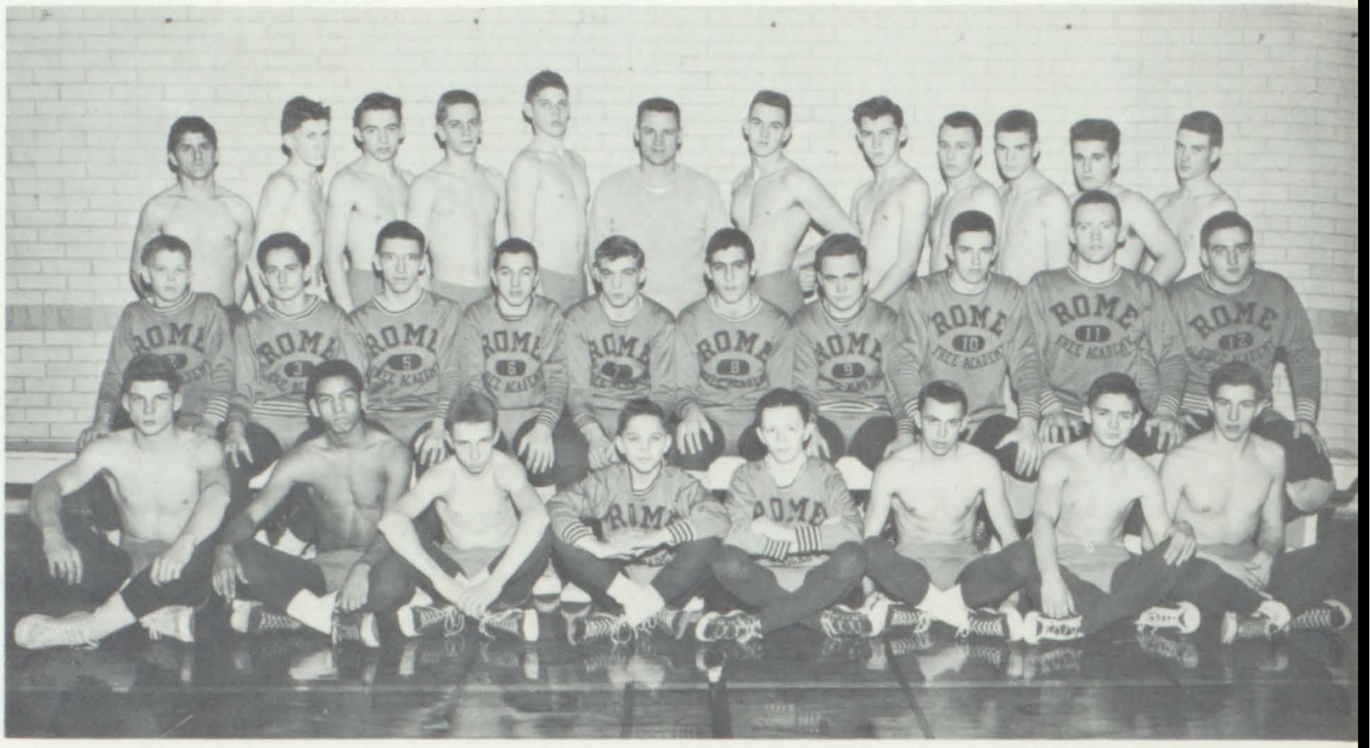
With the return of such stalwarts as Van Vechten, Gorski, Spaller, and Campbell, Rome has the material for another great team.

The bowling team extended the sphere of interscholastic sports at R.F.A. Coached by Mr. Mammone, after tough sessions of practice, the team competed against other schools. The keglers got off to a successful start and looked forward to making a name for themselves in the area.

Front Row, left to right: J. Falcone, E. Maya, H. Snyder. *Second Row*: G. Smith, B. Williams, B. Owens, J. Merchant, R. Greenberg, B. Pritchard, A. Foulks.

And down they go.

BOWLING

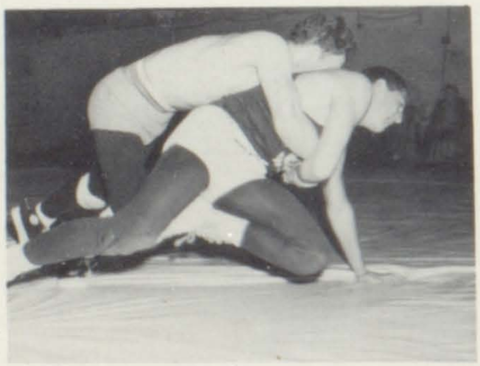


Front Row, left to right: Wardwell, Marshall, Bailey, De Bella, Burke, Potter, Douglas, Waterman. *Second Row*: Matt, Urtz, Perry, Zigrino, Barr, Parks, La Gasse, Spaller, Burdick, Destito. *Third Row*: Jeffries, Pfeiffer, Gould, Clark, Sager, Coach Weed, Herter, Johnson, Bowman, Reh, Gifford, Spargo.

WRESTLING

After last year's superb record of a winning string of eighteen matches, the wrestling team looked forward to another great year. Their ambition was to retain last year's League championship crown.

Monogram winners of last year returning were Art Parks, Leo Barr, Roger Mauer, Gil Spaller, Brian Reh, and Angelo Zizrino. Then too, the largest wrestling turnout ever gave capable Coach Ed Weed a wide selection of talent from which to choose. The increased enthusiasm of the student body helped to keep the R.F.A. wrestling team a respected one in the area.



Burdick puts on the pressure . . .

And down his man goes.

Barr on top again.

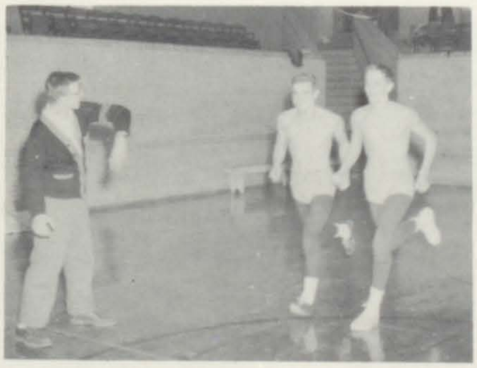
Front Row, left to right: Zigrino, Curley, Borkowski, Miner, Fouts, Ballard, Cook, Sonsinni, Bowman. *Second Row*: Atkinson, Clark, Perry, Meszler, Reh, Karpinski, Wells, Davis, Sunderland. *Third Row*: Concannon, Parks, Toczek, Johnson, Tosti, Barnard. *Fourth Row*: McMahon, Johnson, Boyson, Fiorenza, Van Vechten.

CROSS COUNTRY

With Kent Curley paving the way, the cross country team placed high in interscholastic competition. Curley finished third in two of the four meets. Other outstanding harriers were Le Roy Meszler, Jerry Fouts, Brian Reh, Clarence Van Vechten, and Herb Clark.

In team competition R.F.A. finished third in the Watertown and Baldwinsville Invitationals. After winning the title of the Central-Oneida League the first year in competition, Rome placed second this past fall. In its fourth meet away, the Proctor Invitational, the team finished fifth.

To appreciate the feats accomplished by the team, one must understand the makeup of the meets. In a typical meet, the one at Watertown, twenty schools were represented. Considering this and the showing of the team, a lot of credit is due to these boys.

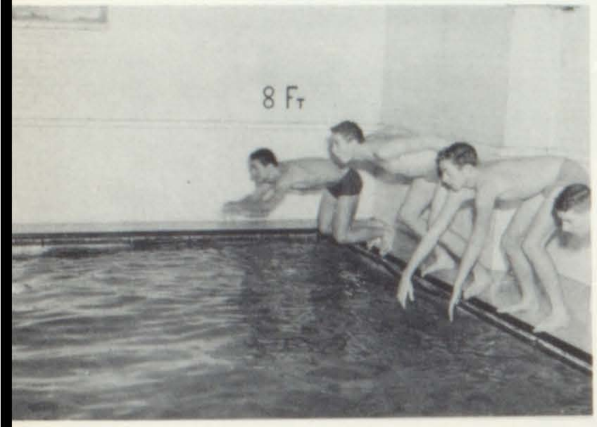


Snow on the field, so we're timed inside.

Curley practices a fast start.

Front Row, left to right: B. Bidwell, T. Semo, R. Karpinski, B. Borkowski, B. Cooper, T. Molineaux, J. Campbell, V. Christman. *Second Row*: L. Palmiero, T. Heavner, G. Aderman, C. Van Vechten, V. DeVisser, S. Van Slyke, R. Bronson, Coach Wightman. *Third Row*: R. Rhemick, F. Calandra, P. Cerjan, D. Sherwood, A. Wells, W. Ballard, B. Johnson, C. Miner.

They're off!!

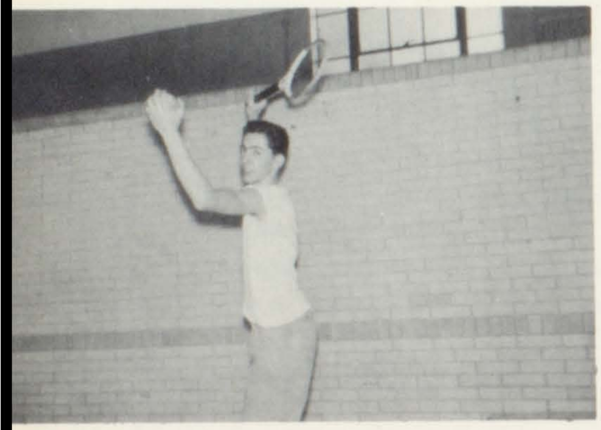


SWIMMING

Though hampered by lack of adequate facilities on the local scene, the swimming team produced a fine record. Coached by Bruce Wightman, the team boasted veteran mermen Bob Bidwell, Paul Cerjan, and Will Ballard. Practices and meets were held at Hamilton College, where the team was given pool facilities, and the team did its part in earning respect for the athletic teams of R.F.A.

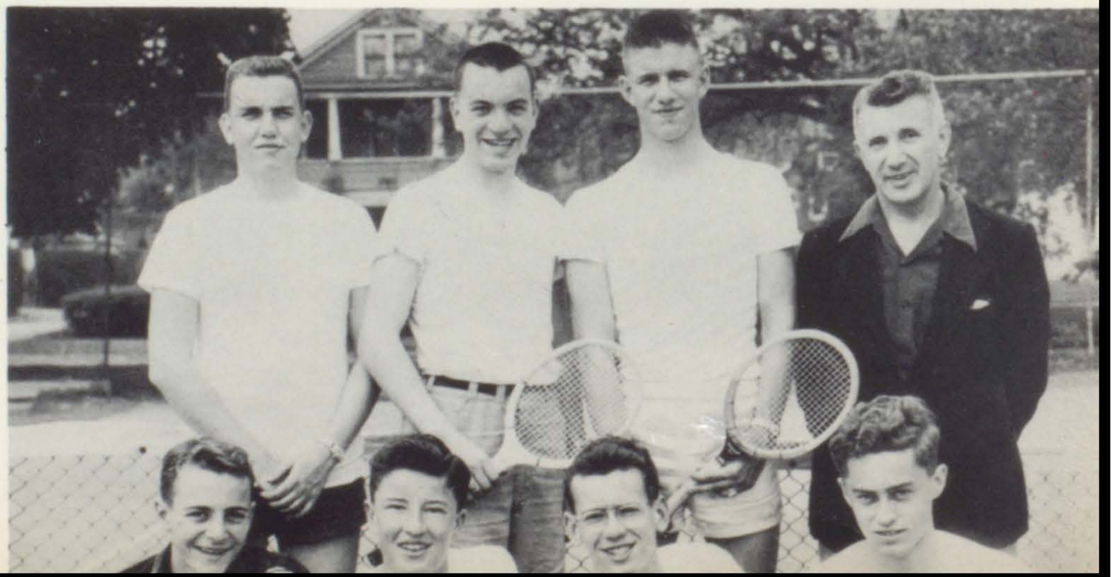
TENNIS

With outstanding performances from Jim Reid, Carl Rutishauser, and John Parks, the R.F.A. tennis team rolled up a 6 and 1 record. Rome defeated New Hartford, Watertown, and Oneida in home and home games for the six victories. The lone loss came from a strong Auburn team.



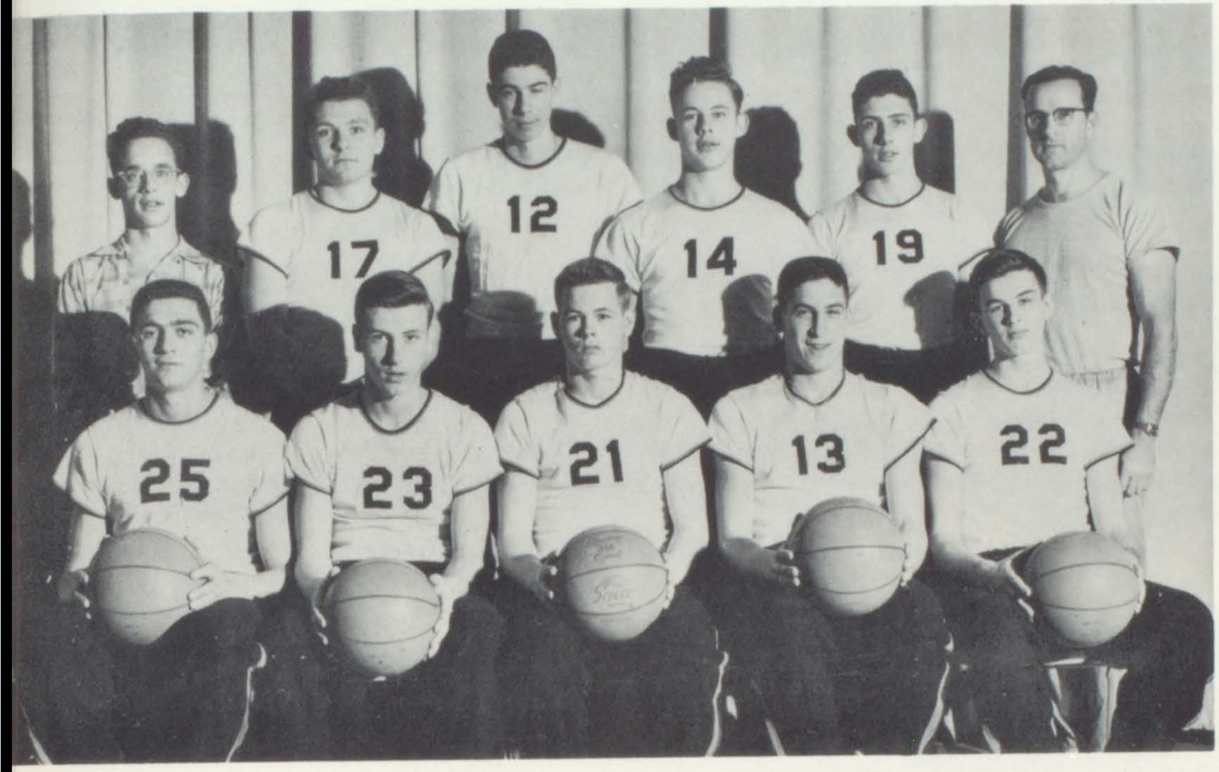
Barry demonstrates slam serve.

Front Row, left to right: D. Austin, J. Parks, K. Rutishauser R. Blood. *Second Row*: J. Reid, B. Vierick, D. Updike, Coach Rienzo.



Martin goes up—and it's in.

Front Row, left to right: V. Coccia, J. Martin, B. Jones, N. Bottini, J. Amidon. *Second Row*: K. Warneke, J. Eikenberg, B. Fiore, W. Edkins, D. Falcone, Coach Vetter.



BASKETBALL

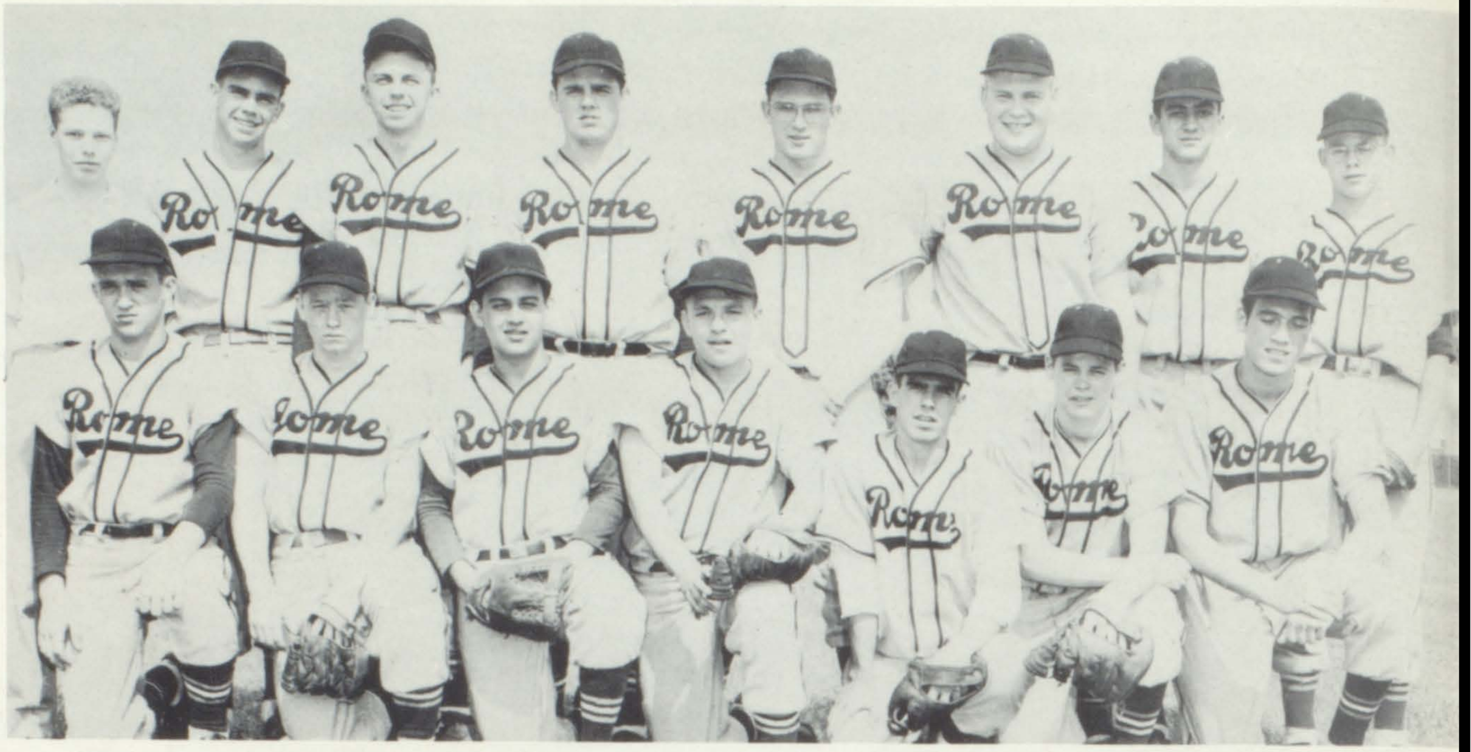
The basketball team got away to a roaring start by winning its first four games. Victories were registered over Oneida, Poctor, New Hartford, and St. Francis. Vince Coccia, Joel Amidon, Nick Bottini, and Butch Jones turned in star performances. All of these boys hit the high scoring columns early in the season.

Henry Vetter, Rome's new coach, brought new skill and knowledge to the team. He came to us with an excellent record which he established at Camden and Corning.

With an excellent start, everyone wished our hoopsters well, hoping that they might return the Central-Oneida crown to Rome.

Coccia takes ball and opponent with him.

Don Jones with a jump pass.



Front Row, left to right: P. Vrooman, F. Dion, D. Dorsino, J. Eikenberg, A. Martin, B. Jones, T. Parks. *Second Row*: Mgr. E. Dake, D. Hahn, R. Campbell, B. Hill, D. Lenio, D. Healy, V. Coccia, W. Edkins.

Eikenberg polishes up on his batting stance.

Coccia dreams of spring slugging.

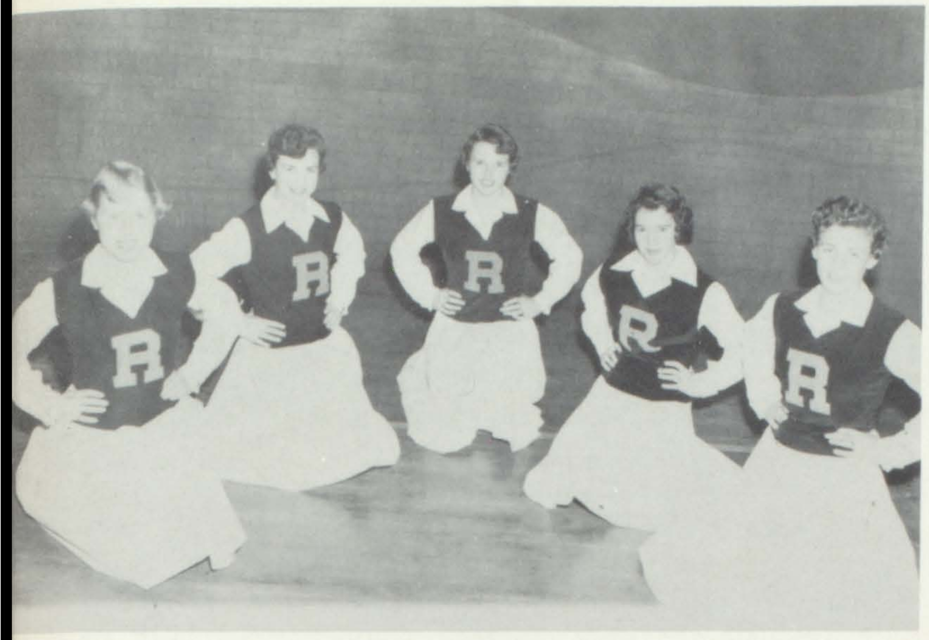
BASEBALL

The baseball team is fully justified in being proud of its record. The varsity nine led the Central-Oneida League for the first half of the season and was beaten out of the championship only in its last half dozen games.

Heavy hitting featured the R.F.A. victories. Leading the roster of sluggers were Don Healy, Bob Hill, Dick Lenio, and Ron Jones. Out in the field, excellent fielding averages went to Warren Edkins, Jack Eikenberg, and Dick Dorsino.

The mound staff too was tops. This featured Pete Vrooman, Dick Hahn, and Dick Davison.

This spring Coach Charles Dain will look ahead to a successful season with the return of several of last year's varsity workhorses. The '54 junior varsity team too promises to contribute players for a winning schedule.



Front Row, left to right: Marilyn Reader, Angela Gualtieri, Jean Duffy, Kay La Plante, Charlotte Mandronica.

"We're the team that's got the pep!"

VARSITY CHEERLEADERS

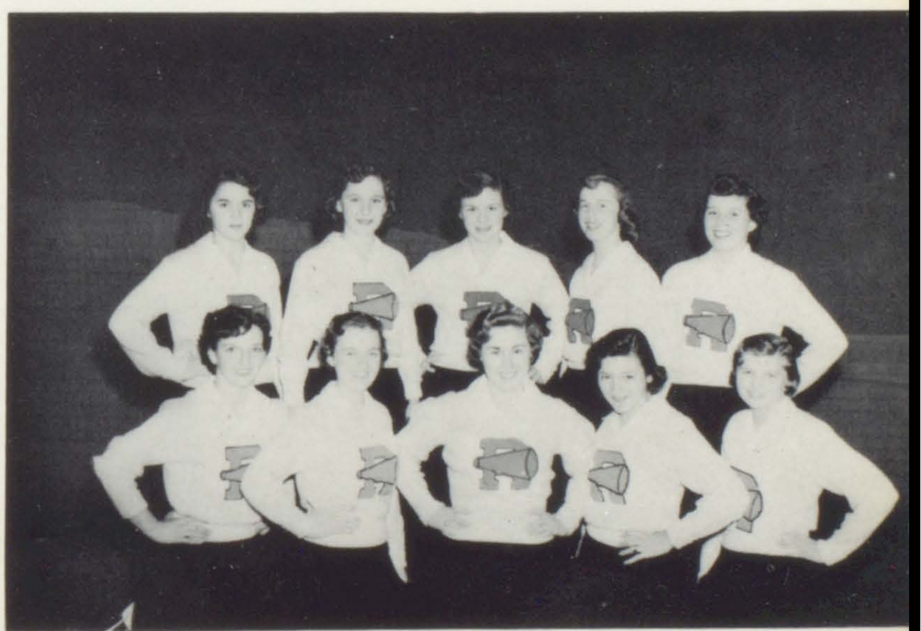
A great deal depended upon the Varsity Cheerleaders in bringing our teams to victory. All the pep and spirit they had went into fight cheers to let the boys know everyone was behind them. The bright uniforms and vivacious movements lent color to every football and basketball game.

The junior varsity squads meant much to these ten cheerleaders. These girls went all out to let the J.V. teams know that they were an important part of school athletics. The success of varsity teams depends upon a strong backlog of material, and these cheerleaders did their best to help insure the availability of that material.

JUNIOR VARSITY

"RFA, RFA, Team, Team, Team!"

Front Row, left to right: Rosa DeSantis, Janet Grzesiak, June McCormick, Monica Mistretta, Elizabeth Petrowski. *Second Row*: Sandra Lazzara, Barbara Gilleland, Marie Viviani, Suzanne Regetz, Mary Jane Marcellus.



TENNIS: B. Carmella, P. Salob, B. Gilleland, C. Realbuto, K. Baumler.

BASKETBALL: I. Kulisz, B. Gardner, G. Garafalo, P. King, M. Fouts, D. Cabo.

FIELD HOCKEY: A. Minor, M. Atkinson, T. Veway, L. Davis, C. Davis.

GIRLS'

The sports program for girls at R.F.A. covers an extensive field of activities. This program encourages participation by the girls in intramural sports and competitive activities in and out of school. Each time a girl participates in a home or out-of-town sport, she earns a total of ten points. In this way she is able to accumulate enough points to receive a nine inch Block "R".

ARCHERY: A. Elliott, C. Nold, K. Swerden.

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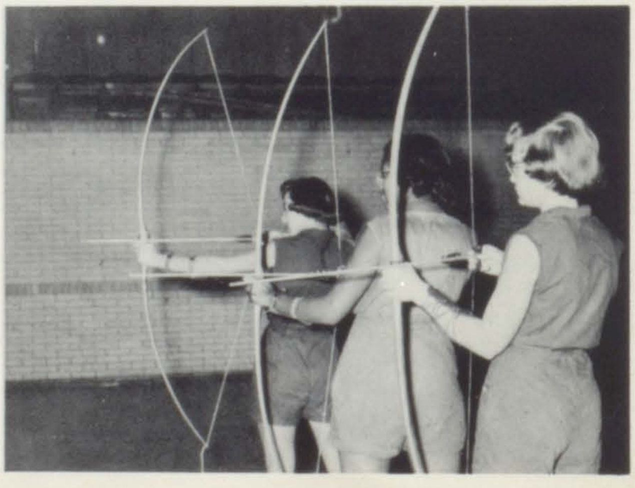


VOLLEYBALL: V. Bottini, D. Yousey, B. Palmer.

BASKETBALL: J. Petrelli, M. Quintela.

SPORTS

BASKETBALL: K. Marks, B. Esposito, S. Baldigo.

BASEBALL: C. Van Dresar, G. Garafolo, D. Cabo.

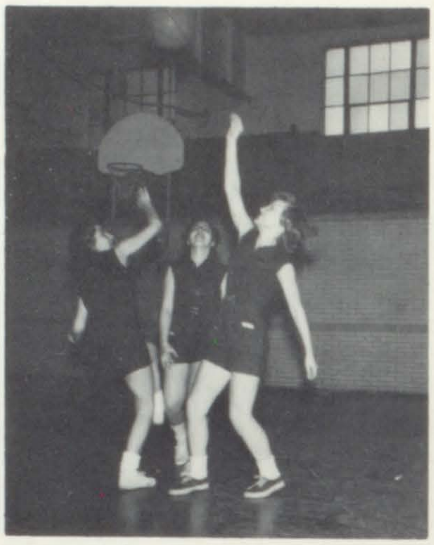
FIELD HOCKEY: M. Guglielmo, S. De Himer, D. Thomas, A. Minor.

BASKETBALL: L. Coccia, P. Thomas, I. Davis, B. Gardner.

TRACK: A. Minor, A. Gyngell, D. Chryrywaty, J. Stovall.

ARCHERY: N. Turner, R. Smith, B. Yahnke.

TENNIS: K. Baumler.

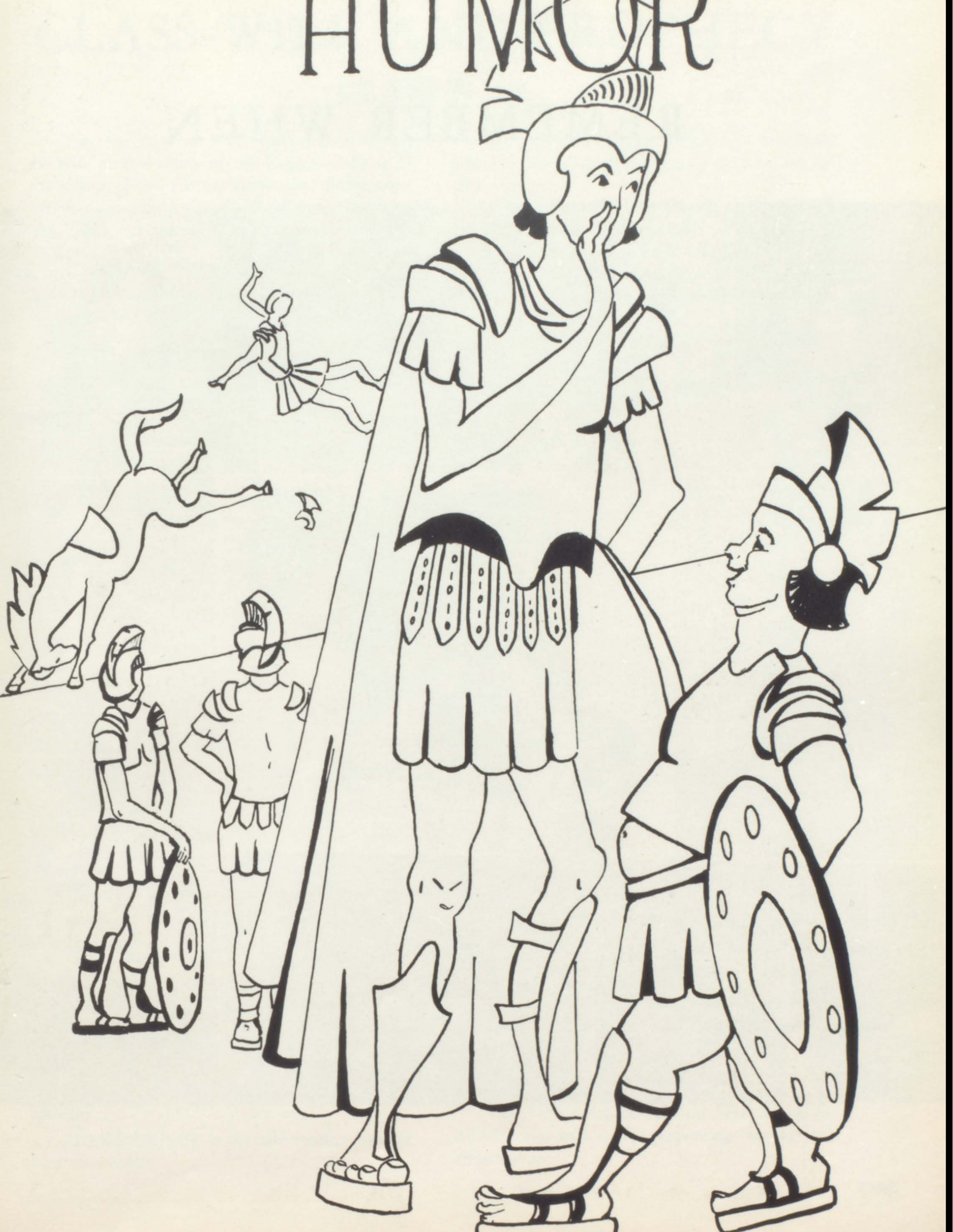


BASKETBALL: R. Matrassi, G. Vecchio, C. Van Dresar.

BASEBALL: E. Petrelli, A. Sherman, A. George.

VOLLEYBALL: J. Atkins, D. Thomas, B. Paige, B. Smaldon.

HUMOR



REMEMBER WHEN

and to all
a
Good night!

CLASS WILL AND PROPHECY

CLASS WILL

We, the class of 1955, having lived a full life within the confines of this institution, being of changeable minds, rugged shapes, and guilty conscience, do hereby bequeath all of our and everybody else's possessions in this, our last will and testament.

I, NICK BOTTINI, will Joe Campbell two dozen large pizzas.

I, MARTHA ROBINSON, will Jack Coleman a horse. (It's safer).

I, ARTHUR PARKS, will Leo Barr my wrestling talent.

We, THE SENIOR CLASS, will the Juniors the book, "How to Give Hep Parties."

I, DICK TYKSINSKI, will Moe Burlison one used postage stamp.

I, DICK FLINT, will John Parks my pink garter.

We, THE CLASS OF '55 will the class of '56 $10,000 to publish a yearbook.

I, KAY SCOTHON, will Theo Marks 1, 297 crazy-mixed-up jazz records.

I, GORDON ADERMAN, will Don Campbell a new raspberry colored Mercury convertible.

WE, THE SENIOR BOYS, will the Senior girls one case of Pond's cream, so they too can become engaged.

WE, THE SENIOR CLASS, will the Juniors all the pennies found in study hall.

I, NICK VERRENTI, will Don Sherwood a book entitled "My Life as a Star."

I, JERRY PASSER, will Janet Scritchfield my muskrat foot.

I, JIM ATKINSON, will Kay Baumler a full tank of gas.

I, JEAN DUFFY, will Anne Thomas my last name.

We, THE CLASS OF '55, will the Five Aces a slightly dented tin can.

I, STAN GORSKI, will Jean Duffy a larger locker.

I, JOYE WHITE, will Johanna Ruby my laugh.

I, BOB BIDWELL, will Fred Bodurtha my slide rule for use in Trig class.

We, THE CLASS OF '55, will the faculty the latest book of jokes.

PROPHECY 1975

Twenty years have passed since the class of '55 graduated and *regretfully* left the crowded halls of good old Rome Free Academy. Let's look in on our old pals and see if these twenty years have made any changes in them or if they are still up to their old tricks. On visiting our old friends we find that:

The cheerleaders are now turning *cartwheels.*

JOEY (*Baby*) NOLE is still sleeping peacefully in study hall.

The nation is mourning the loss of FRED BODURTHA. BOB BIDWELL, famous explorer, shot Fred when he mistook him for a moose.

SOPHIE BALL has joined the Air Force and is happily raising Plantz.

DICK ALESSI is still Rome's number one bachelor.

JERRY PASSER is the new forest ranger of Potter's woods.

KAY BAUMLER has just bought a station wagon so "all the gang" can ride.

ART PARKS is still playing Romeo in the Broadway hit.

The grandchildren of the class of '55 are looking forward to having their children attend school in the new addition to R.F.A. This last addition will be completed in 1979.

The football team of '55 has just bought the Open Kitchen. All football players are royally entertained (free) after each football game.

VINNIE COCCIA, the high scorer at Podunk Junction Tech, has been voted the basketball player of the year.

MRS. GOTT has finally obtained a new lock for the B.S.I. Bulletin Board.

The 1955 yearbook has just been completed. All connected with it are recuperating from nervous breakdowns.

THIS IS YOUR LIFE

LEST WE FORGET

CAESAR and CLEOPATRA

Marlene Staple
Nancy Shaffer
Janet Scritchfield
Barbara Paige
Kay Baumler
Kay McDonald
Diane Thomas
Carol Butler
Sophie Ball
Sharon De Christo
Jean Duffy
Joan Williams
Judy Lamay
Sandra June

Oran Kohlepp
Bruce Englebert
Stu Barret
Don Healy
Dick Flint
Jim Atkinson
Nick Bottini
Vaughan Christman
Ray Plantz
Jack Martin
Peter Fitsik
Dale Sherwood
Carl Parker
Jerry Malarzo

Jane Sykes
Pat King
Barbara Cornish
Virginia Jones
Anne Thomas
Sheila Baldigo
Sonia Yakobiszyn
Kay LaPlante
Joye White
Charlotte Mandronica
Kay Scothon
Jean Akins
Janet Grzesiak
Marie Zullo

Hildred Butters
Don Gafner
Ed Patton
Dick Bronson
Gerry Duffy
Don Sherwood
Charlie Mackie
Pepper Martin
Dick Tykinski
Cheech Faroni
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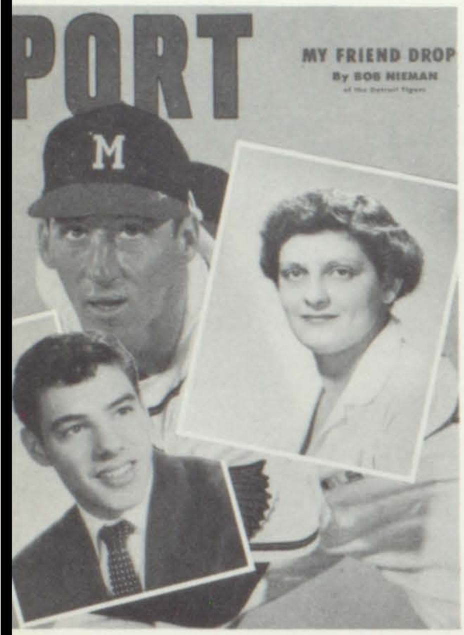
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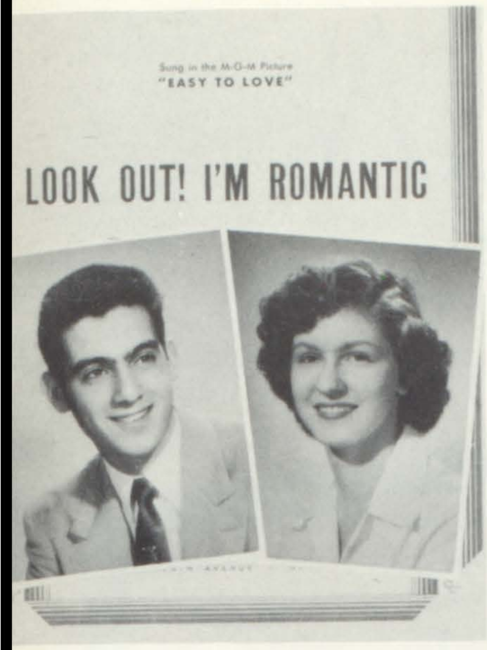
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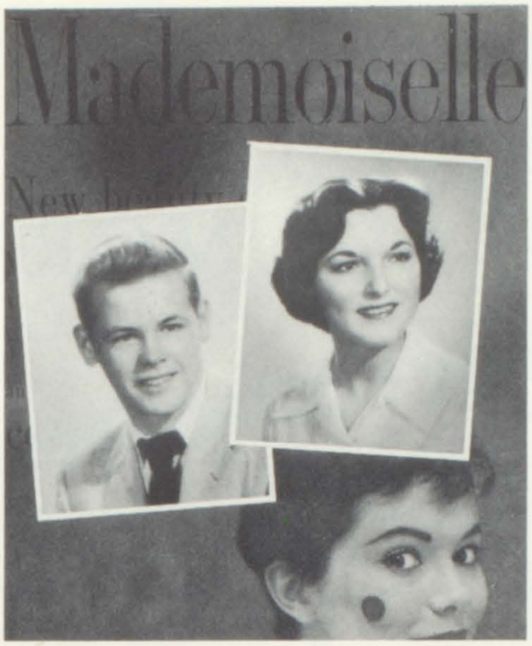
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HUMOR???

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Head cook: "Didn't I tell you to notice when the soup boiled over?"
Nick Bottini: "I did. It was half past ten."

* * *

Kay Baumler was driving along a country road paralleling the railroad when she spied a couple of repairmen climbing telephone poles. "Fools," she remarked to the girls, "they must think I never drove a car before."

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Don Campbell: "Hello, Gordy! Fishin'?"
Gordon Aderman: "Naw, drowning worms."

* * *

Two spinsters were discussing men. Asked Anne T: "Which would you desire most in a husband—brains or appearance?" "Appearance," replied Theo, "and the sooner the better."

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And here's some Chinese wisdom. "While many American magazine editors fret themselves into a frenzy when an occasional typographical error creeps into their pages, Chinese editors are fully aware of the inflational effect such a discovery has on the reader's ego. Because of this, Chinese editors intentionally insert a few mistakes in their periodicals." Now read the yearbook carefully. If you find a few mistakes, you'll know why the editors put them in.

Teacher: "Can any bright pupil tell me why a man's hair turns gray quicker than his mustache?"
Don Sherwood: "Sure, teacher. It's 'cause his hair has a twenty year start on his mustache."

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They never met B4, but what had she 2 care,
She loved him 10derly, for he was a 1,000,000 air.

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In days of old they danced like this. Nowadays they dancelikethis.

* * *

Where can a man buy a cap for his knee,
Or a key to the lock of his hair?
Can his eyes be called an academy, because there are pupils there?
In the crown of his head what gems are found,
Who travels the bridge of his nose?
Can he use when shingling the roof of his mouth,
The nails on the ends of his toes?
Can the crook of his elbow be sent to jail?
If so, what did he do?
How does he sharpen his shoulder blades?
I'll be hanged if I know, do you?
Can he sit in the shade of the palm of his hand,
Or beat on the drum of his ear?
Does the calf of his leg eat the corn on his toe?
If so, why not grow corn on his ear?
Where's the school a-goin', and what's it goin' to do,
And how's it gonna do it, when the Senior class gets through.

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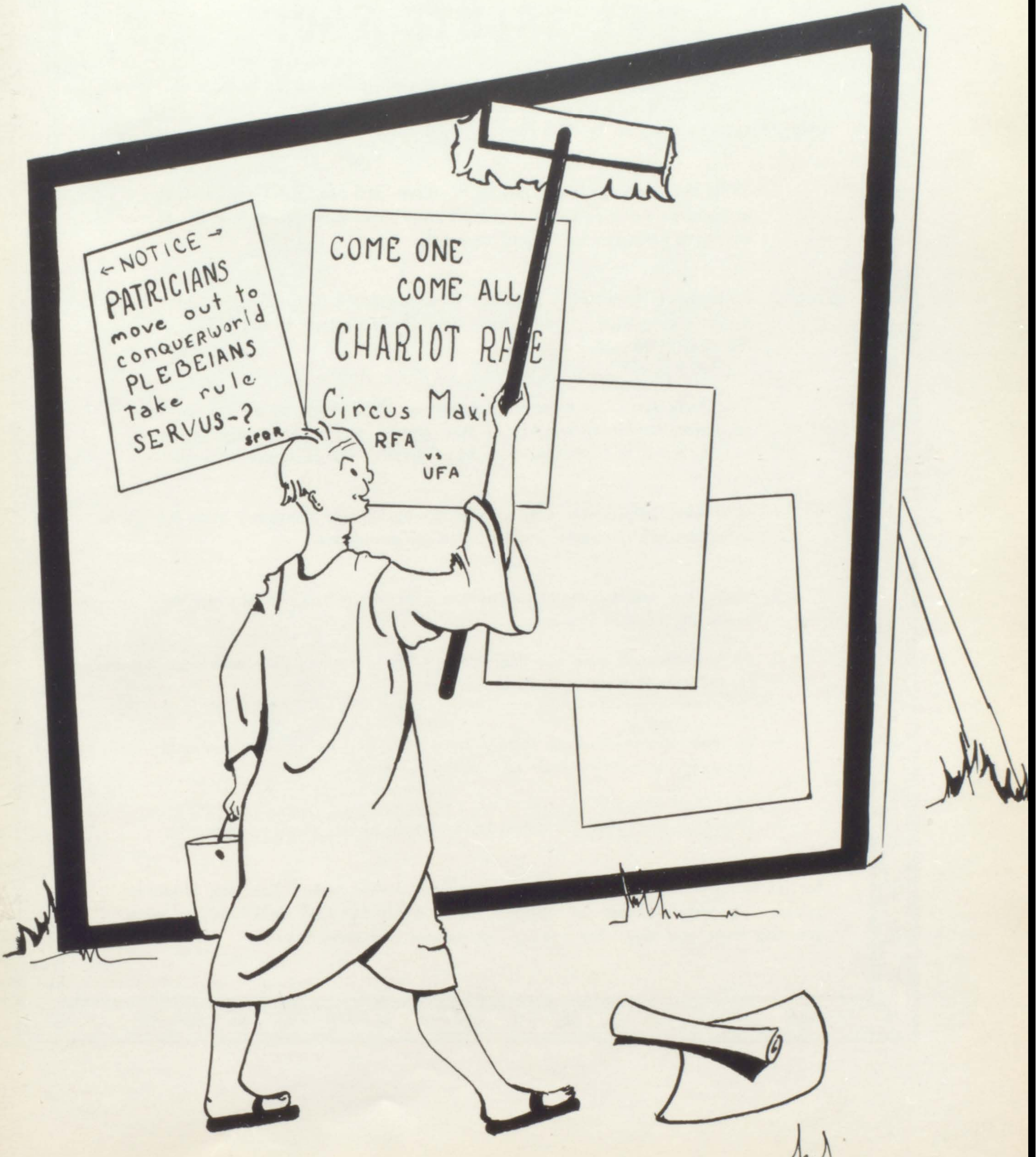
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"WE SALUTE YOU!"

Salutations to the 1955 graduating class from the physicians of the Rome area. They know the value of your education. They urge you to never stop learning. But their salutations are surpassed by their service. They would like you to know that:

1. With their colleagues in Oneida, Herkimer and Madison Counties they established America's first multiple-county medical program in order to serve you and yours better and more fully.
2. Throughout three great counties they guarantee the delivering of a doctor's care when needed, regardless of time, place or the ability of the patient to pay.
3. They have set up an emergency system so that, when you cannot reach your own doctor or another of your choice, and in an emergency, a call to Rome and Murphy Memorial Hospital will bring medical care.
4. They have established a Mediation Committee to hear any cases of complaint and to assist you in any medical matters.
5. They have taken a stand on matters that affect your health and the health of those in this area.
6. At hospital staff meetings they spend hours in pooling their knowledge for the benefit of the patients in sick beds.
7. In their county medical society they develop top flight educational programs to increase their own ability to serve.
8. They have dedicated themselves to serving the people of your community.

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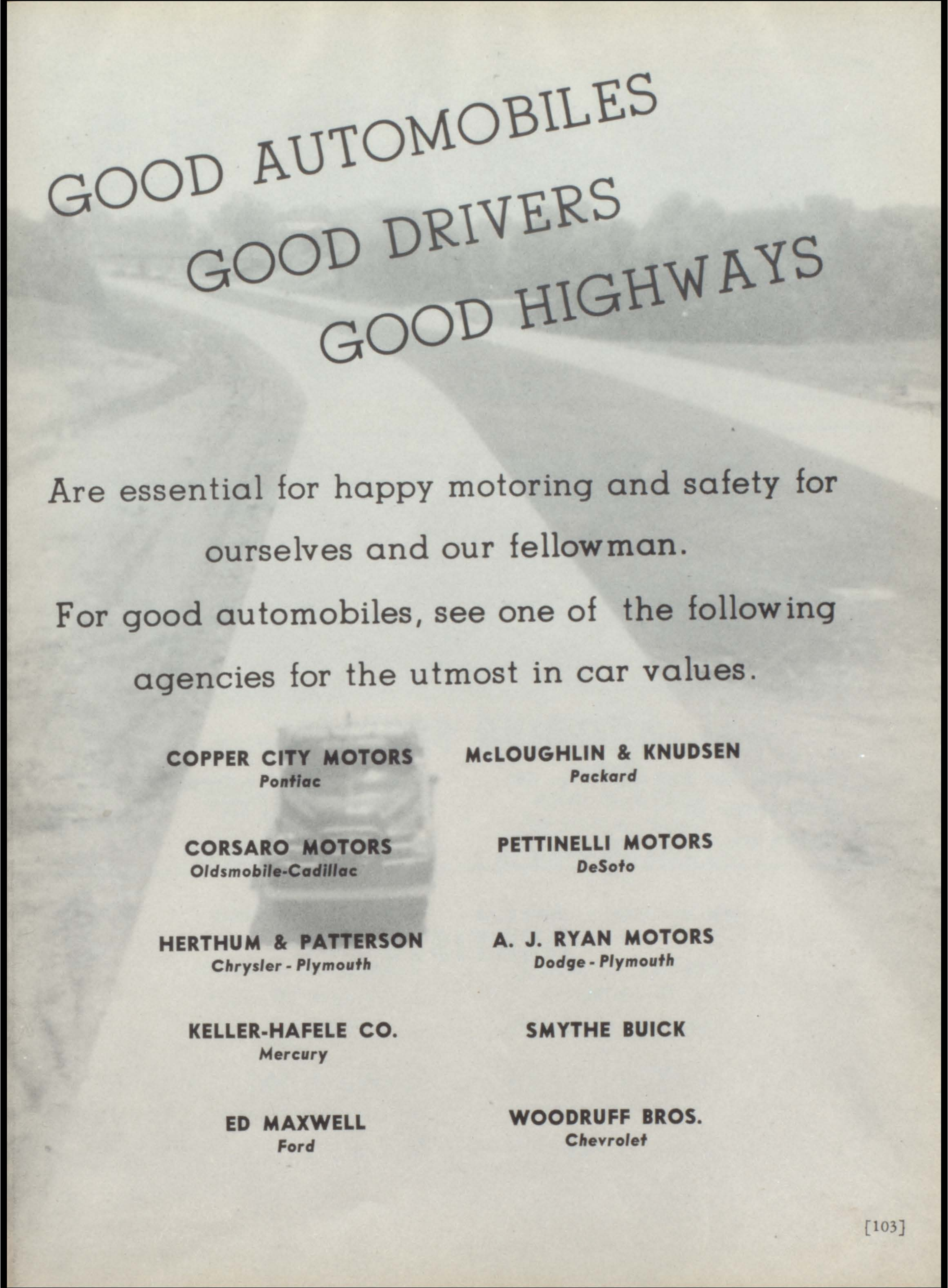

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Harold Anderson and his family of four wished to purchase a home. They consulted a realtor, who showed them this picture. After inspecting the house, they contacted their lawyer and instructed him to arrange the legal transactions. Immediately after the house was purchased, Mr. Anderson took out a "blanket" insurance policy to insure the safety of his home from the elements.

This case could be applied to anyone in the Rome area. For expert aid in buying a home, consult the firms mentioned on this page.

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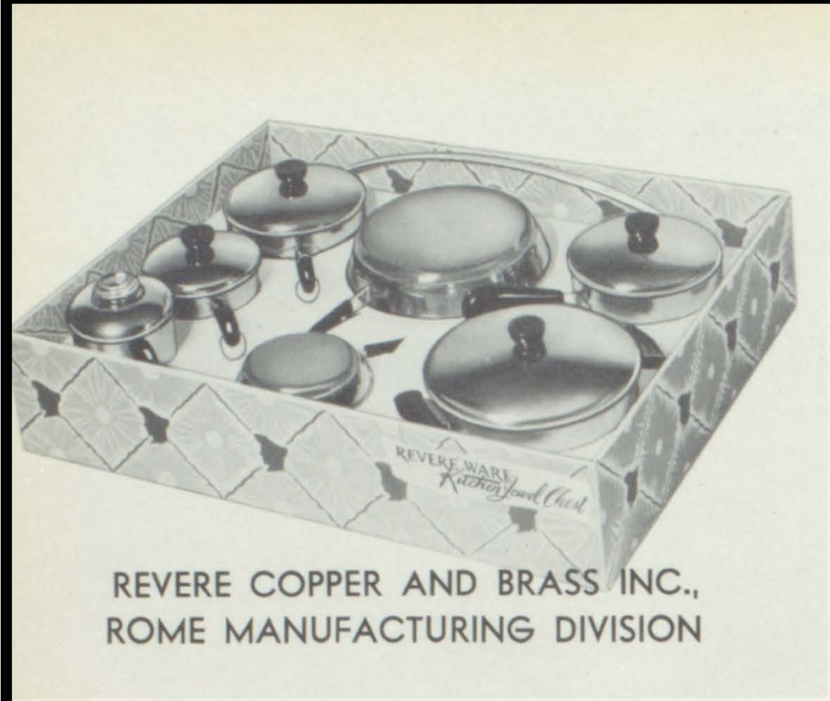
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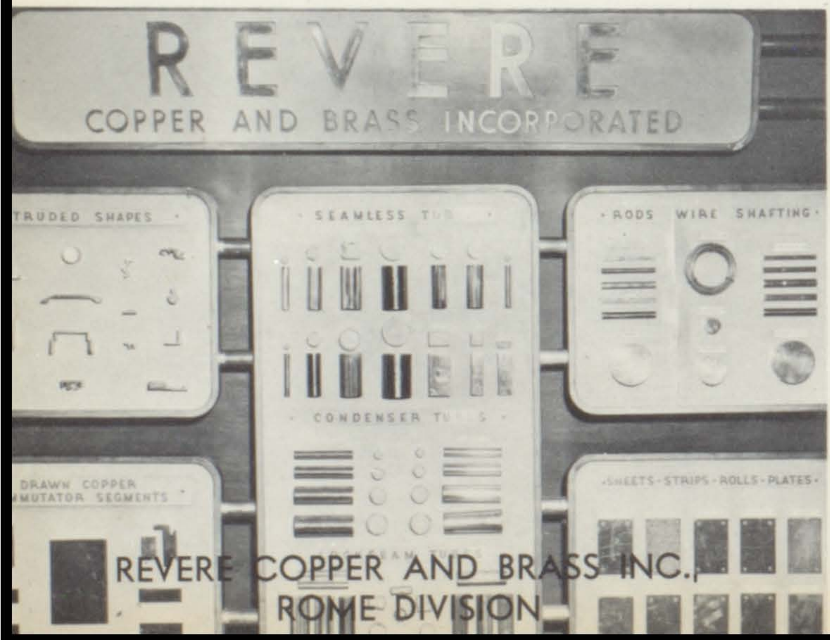
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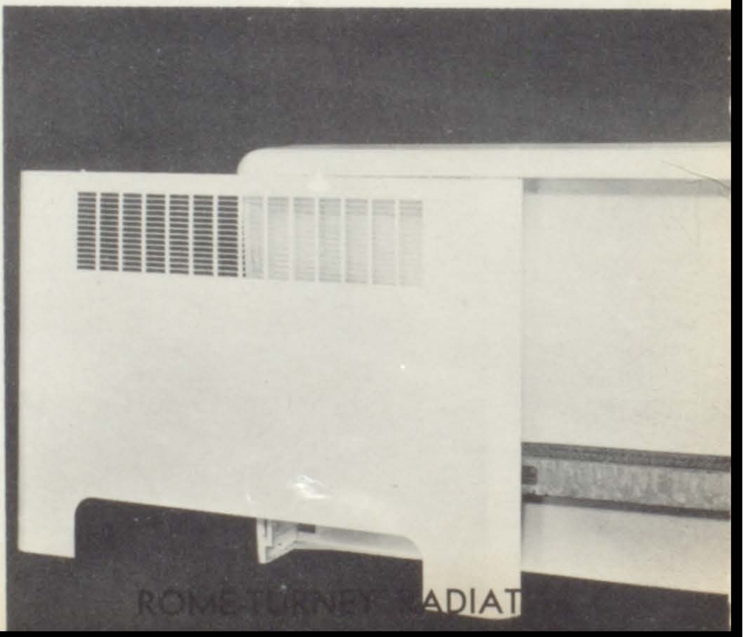

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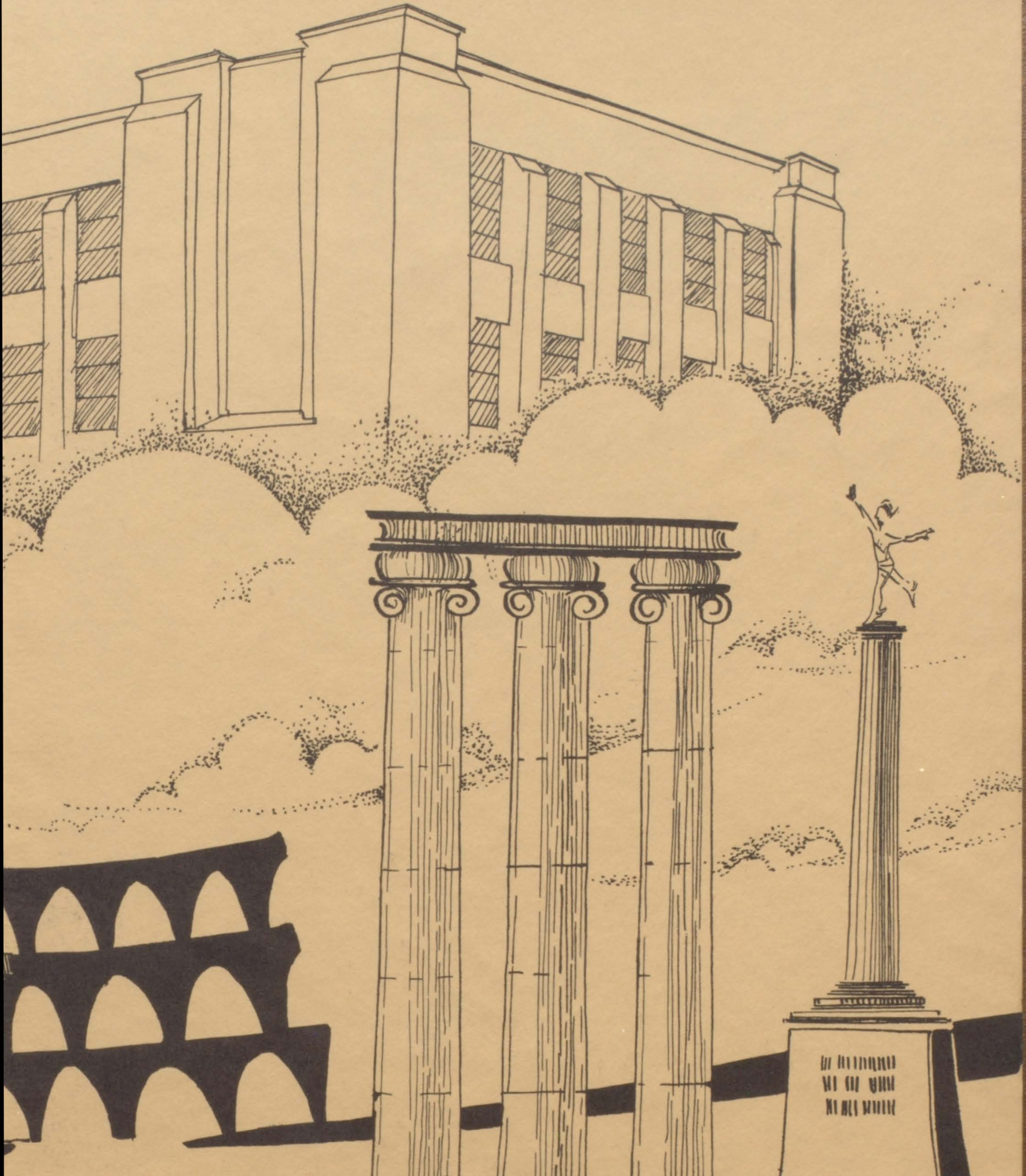

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